

PACHOMIUS: USHERING IN GENEROSITY

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sc. **01**

Pachomius was born in 292 A.D. in Thebes, Egypt, to a pagan family. Enlisted against his will in the Roman army, he and other soldiers, who had no attachment to the empire, were imprisoned when not in combat. During a famine, many prisoners died of hunger, but Pachomius and others received food secretly introduced through prison bars from mysterious benefactors.

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Pachomius learned that his benefactors were followers of a Galilean named Jesus Christ. After his release, he sought out these Christians who taught him about Jesus' love, sacrificial life, and death. He was baptized in 314 A.D., and became an influential leader of Christendom. It was generosity that saved him!

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First-century Christians were known for their generosity despite having no public recognition or material wealth. They grew in number and spread the truth of the risen Christ by living generously like Him.

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Only those who imitate Christ by spending their lives to benefit others can truly be called Christians. Those who adopt Christ's attitude on behalf of others and God's work will develop faith, see God's actions on their behalf, and experience miracles. They don't worry about their future, because they know that Jesus will care for them. They are precious in His sight.

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Jesus said, "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Matthew 16:25. Would you like to find life? Answer Jesus' call by giving yourself, your family, and all you have and are on behalf of His work of helping and saving others. As we return the Tithe and Promise, may we put our desires last and God first.