

## Preparation To Build

**1Chron 22:3-5, 14-16** David prepared large quantities of iron to make the nails for the doors of the gates and for the clamps, and more bronze than could be weighed; **4** and timbers of cedar logs beyond number, for the Sidonians and Tyrians brought large quantities of cedar timber to David. **5** David said, "My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD shall be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all lands. Therefore now I will make preparation for it." So David made ample preparations before his death... **14** "Now behold, with great pains I have prepared for the house of the LORD 100,000 talents of gold and 1,000,000 talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weight, for they are in great quantity; also timber and stone I have prepared, and you may add to them. **15**"Moreover, there are many workmen with you, stonecutters and masons of stone and carpenters, and all men who are skillful in every kind of work. **16** "Of the gold, the silver and the bronze and the iron there is no limit. Arise and work, and may the LORD be with you."

- David was a man who pursued God's heart. Too often, many try to simply "get by" and fail to look to God's heart and how to bless Him.
- David had a passion to build a house for the Lord. Though he had failings, Scripture testifies that this was an unusual man
- He realized he lived in a lavish house and God's dwelling was a tent. David had a heart to provide for God a dwelling. He knew God couldn't be contained in a house, but he wanted to see something built that would reflect God's glory.
- David's heart was to exceed what God expected; he wanted to go beyond the commandments and to bless the heart of God.
- Because of this, God promised to build a house for David...that he would never lack a man of his to set on his throne.
- Though he wanted to build it, God said he couldn't because he is a "man of blood" – a man of war. Though he was not allowed to build, he gathered goods that his son might build it.

### I. Where?

**A. Build Where God Has Met You; 1Chron 21-22:1- this is the place at which David was prescribed by God to sacrifice for his sin of counting the people. It was the place of forgiveness and restoration, 2Chron 3:1**

- David bought the threshing floor of Ornin to have a place to sacrifice in

repentance for his sin of counting the people. David bought the threshing floor because he would not give to God what didn't cost him something.

- God approved David's sacrifice of repentance by allowing the fire to fall; God showed up in a wonderful way
- Where God showed up in a place, a particular spot, David believed that this was the place where God could be met. This was the appointed place for the temple of God could be built, "This is the place..."
- God intends us to build WHERE He has met us. God has met us, established His will in our lives HERE in this place.
  - David built at the place where God met him. Where God calls you, He will bless you as you CHOOSE to invest & build where He has met you.
- We are called to build WHERE we've encountered God.
- God called Ps Brett to be here and God has met him. Because God has met him here, he intended to BUILD HERE.
- If God has met you here, shown up in ways that made you different, this is where you need to build. Has He met you and your family thru the ministries of this house? Has God met you here; have you seen the grace of God dispensed in your life? If God called you here, then this is the best place for you to build.

#### **B. Build Upon That Which You Have Sacrificed; 1Chron 21-22:1, 2Chron 3:1**

- If this is where you've sacrificed, where you've served others in this place – this ought to be the place where you should build
- Have you sacrificed here at GCC and seen God do wonderful things?
- Have you sacrificed and sensed the blessing of God? This is a good place where the foundation should be for the growth of my life.

## **II. With What?**

### **A. A Willing Heart; 2Sam 7:1-3**

- David had a desire to bless God. He had a heart to prepare.
- David recognized that God had greatly blessed him and he wanted to do something; he had a heart to return to God.

- A willing heart is ready to obey Him. “The heart that is indented to obey God will hear his voice.”
- If your heart is in this church, you will be inspired to invest in this building.

**B. Great Pain...; 1Chron 22:14a**

- Anything that is built that is going to last will “hurt”. Its not supposed to “feel good” to give. To do something GREAT, it will require GREAT PAIN!
- Christianity is rooted in sacrifice; “pick up your cross and follow me”
- Blessing come that we may be able to lay down our lives for others.
- “With great pain I’ve prepared...” Because God provided for David in an extraordinary way, He wanted to give to God in the same way.
- If you have been overlooked, disregarded and God has raised you up, you have been richly blessed that warrants a blessing in return.
- \$242B worth of gold! It wasn’t easy, but with great pain...
- We must look beyond what we can do. We must position ourselves for God to move thru us.
- The question: what can God do THROUGH us? We care the most so we must allow God to do something with us.
- It is a belief that God will provide the resources thru us.

**C. Material Resources; 1Chron 22:3-4, 14b**

- Pastor Brett’s aim: to inspire us to recognize what God has done.
- We aren’t going into debt because we want to be a people who can bless others.