

# GAME OF THRONES

THE REIGN OF DAVID

## Building the House of God

### Key idea:

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### Key text:

1 Chronicles 29 (1 Chronicles 29:10–22)

David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. <sup>11</sup>Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. <sup>12</sup>Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. <sup>14</sup>"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. <sup>15</sup>We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. <sup>16</sup>O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. <sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. <sup>18</sup>O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. <sup>19</sup>And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, requirements and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided." <sup>20</sup>Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the LORD your God." So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the LORD and the king. <sup>21</sup>The next day they made sacrifices to the LORD and presented burnt offerings to him: a thousand bulls, a thousand rams and a thousand male lambs, together with their drink offerings, and other sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. <sup>22</sup>They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the LORD that day. Then they acknowledged Solomon son of David as king a second time, anointing him before the LORD to be ruler and Zadok to be priest.

### **Key points:**

1. Despite all his failures, David was a true worshipper of God and wanted to see God's house built for the glory of God and to draw people to Yahweh.
2. The Church is God's House, His Temple, in the earth today.
3. The Church is only built as both the leaders and members have a heart that is committed and passionate to see the church thrive.
4. The church is built upon the foundation of the Gospel, as the people are actively, purposively engaged in worship, giving, connecting with others, and using their gifts to serve and build up the church.
5. As each of us participates in the building of the church, we experience the joy of God.

### **Questions for discussion/application:**

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Why is it necessary for every member, not just leaders, to be engaged in building the church?
3. Why is it important for the church to be a house of worship? Are you actively, purposefully engaging in worship when the church gathers? Why or why not?
4. Why must the church be built on the foundation of the Gospel? How often do you remind yourself of the Gospel and your place as God's redeemed, forgiven child?
5. Why is it important and necessary for each member to financially support the work of the church? Are you actively, purposefully financially giving to support the work of God in and through BRCC?
6. Bret said, "A life turned in on itself ends in misery, but a life devoted to loving and serving God's purposes ends in joy." What do you think of this statement? Why is this idea important?
7. Can you think of someone with whom you can share what you have learned this week? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share His Word.

### **Preview of next week: The Dynasty Secured (1 Chronicles 28-29)**