

Theme: 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.

## I. Intro - The Beautiful Buildings, Art In Italy

- A. We loved the incredible buildings and art in Italy!
- B. Many were built, paid for by leaders to leave a legacy
- C. David also planned two great legacies - Temple, dynasty
- D. The Temple was built by Solomon but prepared by David
- E. Today the house of God, next week the dynasty

## II. A Heart for the House of God

- A. David had a heart to see God's house built  
Then King David said to the whole assembly... "The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup> With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God .... <sup>3</sup> Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures ... 1 Chronicles 29:1-3
  - 1. At the end of his life and reign, David is making preparations to build the Temple
  - 2. David knows this is a big task (v1)
  - 3. The task is important because it is for God, not man
  - 4. This is why David is personally engaged in seeing the house of God built
  - 5. David made sure that not only national resources were brought to bear, but he invested in it personally.

6. 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.

7. David also challenged others to engage in building the house of God

"Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the Lord?" 1 Chronicles 29:5

- a. David is not only devoted to God's House himself but wants to encourage others to be as well
- b. A true disciple wants to see others engaged in building God's house, knowing that will mean joy for them and glory for God.

B. The people had a heart to see God's house built

Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. 1 Chronicles 29:6

- 1. Everyone from high ranking officials to leaders of families responded and became devoted to seeing God's house built.
- 2. In the New Testament, this is part of the priesthood of all believers and every member ministry. The church is built as all of us labor together.

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV

- a. Jesus has given leaders as gifts to the church, but every member is also gifted to do ministry!
- b. The church is only healthy and able to really grow in Christ as not only the leaders but all members are giving themselves to help the church grow
- c. Example: greeting new visitors last week

3. The leaders and the people were encouraged by each other's devotion to building God's house.

The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly. 1 Chronicles 29:9

4. God's house can only be built if all of God's people are devoted to and engaged in the work.

### III. Building the House of God

- A. God's house is built when His people worship

"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>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name." 1 Chronicles 29:10–13

1. David leads the people in praising and worshipping God - which is what the Temple will be used for after it is built.
2. This prayer is actually the basis for the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer (especially v11) - and so is still repeated by God's people.
3. The primary focus in God's house is God Himself, not those who come to worship. We receive many benefits, but only as our focus shifts from ourselves to God.
4. God's house is a house of worship, and it is built when God's people engage in active, passionate worship.

- B. God's house is built on the foundation of the Gospel  
"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." 1 Chr 29:14–15

1. This house is built on humility - "Who are we?"

2. The Gospel recognizes that are aliens and strangers and that apart from God we are without hope.

remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:12–13

3. The Gospel recognizes that all we have comes from God, and calls for a response of gratitude. Our works are always only a response to God's prior grace.

- C. God's house is built on the response of sacrificial giving of His people

Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. 1 Chronicles 29:6

1. The people gave financially so that the house could be built.
2. David had gone into detail about how much he had given as well.

3. This represented their labor and their very life, and they gave it out of gratitude for all God had given them.
4. God calls his people to give sacrificially to the work of building His house.
  - a. This is a reminder that all we have comes from God
  - b. This is a protection against making money an idol
  - c. This spurs on the using of our gifts, talents, and time to help build God's house

D. The building of God's house produces joy in the people of God

They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the Lord that day. 1 Chronicles 29:22

1. The end result of all of this was joy!
2. A life turned in on itself ends in misery, but a life devoted to loving and serving God's purposes ends in joy.
3. This joy is not only individual, it is communal. The people of God should be a people of joy.
4. If we are not experiencing joy as part of our life as the people of God, it should cause us to examine if we are living a life turned in on ourselves, or if our motive is something other than loving and serving God and His people.

#### IV. Applying the Word

A. Am I devoted to building God's house, the Church?

1. God's house today is not a building, but the Church

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him — <sup>5</sup>you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4–5

- a. The call for us is not to build a physical building but rather the church of Jesus Christ.
  - b. In this world, the church has to have a building in which to meet, but the church is NOT the building, it is the people.
2. Am I helping to build the church here at BRCC?
    - a. The church is both universal and local, the people of God across the ages, and the people of God in one specific time and place.
    - b. We can practically only build the local church to which we have been called - BRCC.
  3. Am I actively, purposefully engaging in worship when the church gathers?
  4. Am I actively, purposefully financially giving to support the work of God in and through BRCC?
  5. Am I actively, purposefully connecting in relationships with other BRCC members?
  6. Am I using my gifts to serve in ministry at BRCC?

## B. The Gospel and Table of Joy

1. Building the church of God produces joy
2. This joy only comes as we remain rooted in and focused on the Gospel!
3. The Gospel reminds us “Who am I to be part of God’s people? Who am I that I can help build the very house of God?”
4. The Gospel reminds me that I was lost and without hope, but have been brought near and given hope through Jesus Christ!
5. The Gospel is made visible at this Table where we eat and drink with great joy!  
They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the Lord that day. 1 Chronicles 29:22
6. Come eat and drink with joy in the Presence of our God!

### Building the House of God

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

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Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. May God fill your hearts with joy as you labor for Him. 1 Corinthians 15:58

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. 1 Chronicles 29:10–22