

# Leaving a Legacy

## 1 CHRONICLES 28:1-13

**Intro: One of the most DISCOURAGING words in the English language is the word No!!/ most of the time we don't like to Hear it**

A.) Kids hate it – *mommy ice cream* – no

Taking Little kids to store can be a real trial {they want everything! NO!!

B.) A Young man expresses his heart to a young woman – asks if she feels the same way – **she says no** – heartbreaking { No is a Hard word to hear!

C.) Job Interview – did I get the Job? Sorry No

D.) And it doesn't get any easier in the Christian life because – we can approach God about things

E.) A dream / A desire/ A hope / Make a request

1) He too will at times answer no

**Been said God answers our prayers in 3 ways /**

A) yes! rejoice. Party

B) Wait! *Ok still hope* –

1) But often the waiting answer is just met by silence

We want direction to go – Silence.

C) Important to understand that the silence doesn't mean – no!

**People ask me something – SILENCE – I don't return the email or the text or the voicemail –**

A) **When I don't respond – usually means** – I'm thinking or I might need to pray about that!

B) When God is silent it means – He is preparing you or the situation – **TIMING IS IMPORTANT WITH GOD!**

C) SO God responds to our prayers – Yes – Wait

**But the toughest ANSWER is when God says no**

A.) But I think sometimes He has more to teach us from His denials than from His permissions

B) Here in 1 Chronicles 28 David is at the end of his life – He is getting ready to pass the Baton of leadership to his son

C) He is reflecting back on his life – v2 he mentions that he had this DESIRE to build God a house – a temple.

1) And that was a good desire!

**David felt I live in a nice house – A PALACE – it is not right that the Ark of the Covenant (God's presence) is dwelling in a tent.**

A) I WANT TO BUILD GOD A HOUSE!

**B) Now David understood that no earthly building could house God! –**

1) **God doesn't dwell in temples made of hands**

C) But David felt that the Ark of the Covenant should reside in a building that reflects the glory, majesty, splendor and greatness of God.

**We saw back in 2 Samuel 7 David shared this desire with Nathan the Prophet and Nathan concurred –**

A) GREAT IDEA - Do everything that is in your heart!

B) But that night God spoke to the prophet and said – You jumped the gun!

1) Presumptuous – Should have talked to me first. – Always important to pray even in the things that seem obvious.

C) God said to Nathan - **I don't want David to build me a house – His hands have shed too much blood.**

1) You tell David – I am going to build him a house –

D) A DYNASTY – and Israel's greatest leader – a Messiah will come from his line!

E) As for Building me a temple – I will allow his son to build me a temple.

**So the next day Nathan has to deliver the news to David – David –bro – good news and bad news – (Which first?)**

A) Bad news – YOU CAN'T BUILD GOD A HOUSE - too bloody

B) Good news – **God will let your son build it – and Israel's greatest leader is going to come from your line.**

C)What is David going to do? – What would you do?

D)IS David going to sulk – hissy fit - Ok I am not doing anything then!

**Listen close: David couldn't do what he wanted to do – but He did what he could do!**

A)I can't build the temple – I will prepare & gather all the materials for building the temple.

B)David is going to prepare for the construction and **#2 He is going to prepare his son –**

C)Result – leaves a Legacy!

D)**Listen if you are over 40** you are on the front end of an opportunity that if you are not careful you are going to miss it!

**You have the opportunity to leave a legacy – to impact those who are coming up behind you in life –**

A)Those of us who are over 40 have the opportunity to reach back and leverage

- ❖ **our resources,**
- ❖ **our experiences,**
- ❖ **our failures**
- ❖ **our victories**

B)To pour into the Generation that is coming behind us.

C)**Now before you argue** - Well I don't have the kind of resources that David had and I have a checkered past –

1)I haven't been the best husband, wife, parent.

D)**Remind you of David's Checkered Past –**

1)He was not a great parent – Husband – Adultery – Murder - Neglect

**YOUR FAILURES DON'T MAKE YOU UNWORTHY TO SHARE – if you have learned from them.**

A)Your past failures totally qualify you to speak into the life of those coming up behind you.

B)Failures that we learn from – totally equip us to speak to the next Generation

1)My book – Future Pastors and leaders – About Mistakes

**C)Yes he had resources – but that is relative – It is about using what we do have!**

D)Been Said: Life is like a box of Chocolates? – Really – No life is like a treasure chest –

**You literally are a unique blending of experiences Family, Business, failures, and successes – opportunities taken and opportunities missed.**

A)People who have had an impact on you – as well as people who have hurt you or let you down.

B)If you are going to have a life that counts you need to learn to take all of that and leverage it to impact those who are coming up behind you.

1)**THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT DAVID DOES!**

C)I want us to consider today what David did – when God said no

1)How it applies to each one of us!

D)WHAT DID DAVID DO WHEN GOD SAID NO?

**#1 He prepared the supplies**

A)He used his influence and resources for the preparation of the building of God's house!

B)We will see in detail this wed night where David begins to gather in abundance – all the resources for the building of the temple.

1)**Lumber – Gold – Silver – Bronze – Workers –**

**C)Basically David was going to use the best of his resources, his power and his leverage to supply everything that was needed to build the temple.**

**D)What resources do you have?**

1)Time: Donate your time to the work

2)Creativity -

3)Some of you blessed – Make money – don't just tithe – Give according to your means

E)That is a way God has blessed you!

**Give the best – not left overs - Often times people want to donate stuff they would normally give to the good will. – Ok**

A)But God deserves the best!

B) **Some of you have a story:** That is your gift to the next Generation

1) A story of God's grace and faithfulness in the midst of your brokenness

C) You need to be willing to share it

D) **David uses His time, His Resources, His experience, His influence** to gather everything his son will need to build the temple!

E) What are we doing with what God has given us?

**But David didn't just prepare the stuff – #2 He prepared his son!**

A) To gather all the materials and not to prepare his son would have been an even greater mistake – Keys to a Ferrari to a 12 year old – have fun

B) **To prepare his son – without giving him the means to carry out the vision wouldn't have made any sense either.**

1) Just would have resulted in great Pressure

C) Thanks Dad for the grandiose vision – I have no idea how I am going to pull that off!

D) Which Son? - GOD CHOSE SOLOMON

**HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT? – Solomon was the son of David through Bathsheba. – How feel – uneasy ? -**

A) **SOME people DON'T LIKE THAT AT ALL**

B) They look at this story and wrestle with the fact that God would pick Solomon.

C) **Son of an adulterous relationship** { David did marry .....

1) But the Damage was done – Kingdom was tainted

D) Some would scratch their heads and say: Why Solomon? Doesn't seem right

**The Answer is really simple – He is a God of Grace!**

A) **Where Sin abounds, grace abounds much more.** – God's grace is greater than our sin!

B) **He gives grace to help in our time of need!**

1) Resist the proud – gives grace to the Humble – David was humbled by his Sin

C) **SO God in His love pours out blessings that we don't deserve – that is GRACE**

1) **SO God in His Grace Chooses Solomon to be David's Heir { Build God a House**

**Sort of Comical – Like the genealogy of Jesus – tainted people in it**

A) Tamar – pretended to be a prostitute – slept with her father-in-law – got pregnant. Rahab who was a prostitute. Ruth – Moabitess

B) God saying: My son is going to come from a long line of broken people because he is coming to save and rescue broken people.

C) God asks broken people to be His **VESSELS** in reaching out to a broken world

**David's Charge to Solomon: V.9-10**

“As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.”

**1st KNOW the God of your Father!**

A) **Not Fathers – But Father – David – often my God**

B) **I like this about David the man after God's own heart – He was after God's heart**

1) Pursuer of God

C) **Wasn't interested in simply gaining Knowledge about God-**

1) David really wanted to Know God!

**David was essentially telling Solomon, “The secret of my success has been my relationship with God. You need to pursue the same relationship.”**

A) Notice that the command to **know God** came before the command to **serve**.

B) **In a healthy Christian life** – Service is born out of a healthy relationship

1)The motivation for service is Love - Love of Christ compels .....

**C)Greg Laurie – God is looking for a few good men...**

**D)When serving God takes precedence over Knowing God** – things can get messed up pretty quickly.

**Most of David’s problems happened when knowing God ceased to be his priority**

A)A Change occurred in his heart – moves from simplicity of the sheepfold to the busyness of the Kingdom.

**LONG FOR SIMPLIER TIMES!**

B)Simply Jesus Motto -- Not simple – SIMPLY - all for – all about – Jesus.

C)Healthy relationships result in healthy Service!

**2<sup>nd</sup> SERVE HIM! – ALL ABOUT HIM – ALL FOR HIM!**

A)HOW ? **Serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind:**

**B) Serve Him With a Loyal heart!**

1)A **LOYAL** heart is a heart that is **totally devoted** to God! – Not a Divided heart

B) Serve Him – using your talents and gifts to serve the Lord – Completely devoted

1) Not distracted or divided by worldly pursuits

**C)GIVING GOD OUR BEST NOT OUR LEFT OVERS!**

**Serve Him With a Willing Mind**

A)Willing – important word – **Willingness**

B)Sometimes we can look at what God has called us to do – as a **Have to**.

1)I remember when God called me into ministry

C) So excited about doing anything – Set up chairs – Pick up trash – I get to serve the Lord

D) Then after being in ministry full time for a while – became a have to. – Started to be a grudge some of it.

1) God gently spanked me – **DON’T NEED YOU!**

**Now I am always blown away – Tremendous Privilege I have to serve the Lord**

A)Not a have to but a get to ! **WOW**

B) God thank you that I get to do this!

**C)David reminds Solomon of a an important truth - for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. God sees through the wrong attitudes**

D)He searches our hearts – motives – He sees all  
1)Rewards our motives: Gold, silver or precious stone – wood, hay or stubble

**1<sup>st</sup> KNOW HIM**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SERVE HIM**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SEEK HIM!**

A)Don’t get so caught up in the serving that you forget the relationship

B)Psalm 27 One thing – passion and his pursuit.

C)Solomon seeks a relationship and seeks His wisdom - V.9b **If you seek Him, He will be found by you;**

D)Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him –  
1)Reward is more of God!

E)Paul – Phil - This one thing I do....

1)Pelicans Reckless abandonment –

**For me – Not a lot of distractions – The Lord – my family – The Church – not a lot of room or time for a whole lot else.**

A)Sure I wish I was a better golfer - only play – 8 times a year

B)The more I get to know Jesus the More of him there is to know!

**If you seek Him, He will be found by you;** Great Promise { Also a sober warning **but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever:**

A)**If you leave Him – He will leave you!**

**B)Can’t lose your salvation - Secure –**

C)But you can leave it – walk away.

D) Find yourself in place where God's hand of blessing is removed!

- 1<sup>st</sup> KNOW HIM
- 2<sup>ND</sup> SERVE HIM
- 3<sup>RD</sup> SEEK HIM!

#### 4<sup>th</sup> BE STRONG & DO IT! DON'T PROCRASTINATE

V.10 Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; **be strong, and do it.**

A). All of David's exhaustive preparations would be for nothing **if Solomon did not complete the job** that David started.

B) It is easy **to see how important this was for David.**

C) He had spent enormous effort to prepare the temple but would all be naught unless Solomon did in fact do it.

**That is a great philosophy – So often people sit around waiting for something to happen. – Some big revelation**

A) There is definitely a place for waiting on the Lord and resting in the Lord

B) **But I have found 9 times out of 10 – the Lord leads me in the midst of what I am already doing.**

1) Saying: Easier to Steer a moving car!

C) I think of Eleazar who was sent to go and find a wife for Isaac, he said **"I being in the way, the Lord led me to my masters relative."**

D) That is a regular picture that we see in scripture – God's men moving – active – **God leading as they were moving.**

**So often we want to know the whole picture – where am I going – what is the plan – God doesn't do it that way.**

A) He says Arise up and be doing – and I will show you the way.

B) I sometimes see those in the Church who have this sense that they are going to do something great for God.

1) Be a missionary – start a ministry { go full time service for the Lord in some way – Excited – God has shown them that

C) **I think that is great / cool / exciting to have a sense that you want to do something BIG FOR GOD.**

1) I like to see people that dream!

**But what concerns me is the people who do nothing while they are waiting for the "big thing" to happen.**

A) I don't see that in scripture: the scriptural mandate is Be faithful with what is in front of you then the Lord will lead you into something greater!

B) **What is in front of you?** A couple of kids – your kids – need raised up in the ways of the Lord

1) Unbelievers at your work –

C) **SHADOWRIDGE CAMPUS – God said No!**

1) You have been sulking – Plenty of needs here – Children – Greeters

D) Church is like a Football game – 22 guys on the field – 40k in the stands watching –

1) The Church is a living organism – YOU HAVE A PLACE –

E) Some in our body sitting for a long time!!!

1) Time to get in the game!

**Notice v. 20 David repeats this final charge to Solomon but he adds a word of encouragement.**

V.20 And David said to his son Solomon, **"Be strong and of good courage, and do it;**

A) But I am afraid – Mess up - not have time - not sure I can to it – I feel unqualified – unprepared

**B) The Lord adds this word of encouragement:**

**do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God; my God; will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.**

C) Word for some of us here today!

**It is very natural for us to shrink back at times –**

**A) Seeing that great men of God – responded in that same way: Comforts my heart**

**B) Some of you afraid today – Your task**

**When I know that I am walking in the path that God has laid out for me –**

**A) No matter how overwhelmed – over my head I feel, I can rest assured – He will carry me thru.**

**B) God said no to something? DO WHAT YOU CAN!**

**1) Pour into the next Generation –**

**C) Your calling: Ministry - Parent – Marriage – Job**

**Whatever you're facing – God's call – Be strong**

**A) Go FOR IT**

**B) GOD IS WITH YOU AND GOD IS FOR YOU!**