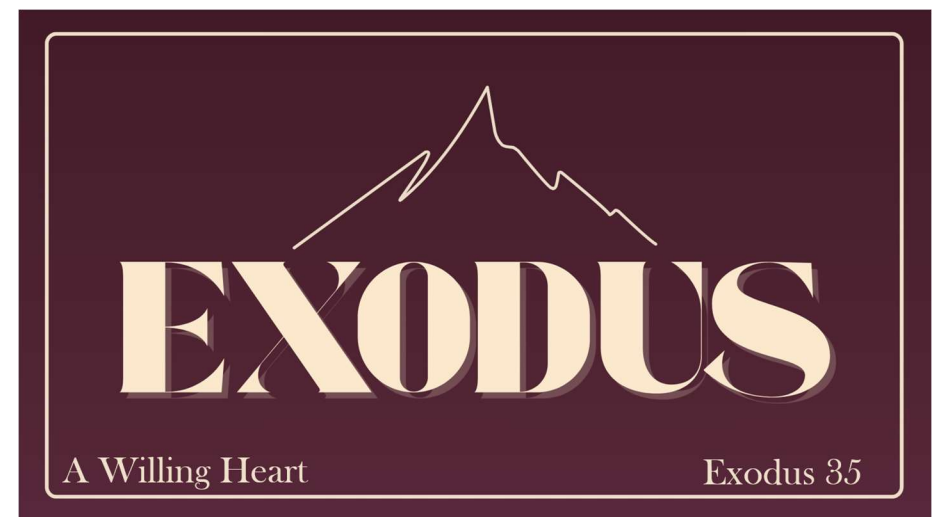


Vs. 23-29 – They Gave Generously

1. What abilities, skills, resources, or opportunities has God given you that could be used to serve Him and others?
2. Why is it sometimes easier to give money than to give our time, attention, or abilities?
3. The people gave so generously that Moses had to tell them to *stop*. What do you think made their generosity so overflowing?
4. How does our understanding of God's character affect our willingness to give ourselves, our possessions, and our abilities to Him?
5. 2 Corinthians 9:6 says "whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." How have you seen generosity — yours or someone else's — lead to unexpected blessing (not necessarily financial)?
6. Is there an area of your life (time, talent, or treasure) where God may be stirring your heart to give more generously right now?

Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups
Sunday, August 23, 2026

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Read Exodus 35:4-29 – As Moses instructed the people of Israel that it was time to begin work on the Tabernacle, he invited them to give of their possessions and their talents to provide for its construction. The people responded extravagantly. From their giving, we can gain principles for how we ought to approach giving as New Testament believers

Think of a time you gave a gift you were genuinely excited to give — not out of obligation, but because you wanted to. What made that different from giving something out of duty?

Vs.20-21– They Gave Freely

1. Moses didn't command, tax, or guilt the people into giving — he simply invited them. Why do you think God designed it this way instead of just requiring a set contribution?
2. Exodus 35 repeatedly describes people whose “heart stirred” them or whose “spirit moved” them to give. What does this tell us about the kind of giving God desires?
3. Have you ever given (time, money, or service) out of guilt or pressure rather than a willing heart? How did that feel different from giving freely?
4. Why does forced or coerced giving fall short of true worship? What does that reveal about the nature of worship itself?
5. Are there areas of serving God where you may be doing something because of pressure, expectation, or guilt rather than because your heart is willing?

6. What might it look like for you to cultivate a more willing heart toward God?

Vs. 22 – They Gave Joyfully

1. The Israelites were giving their possessions to help build the Tabernacle, yet the sermon emphasizes that they were actually giving to the Lord. How does remembering who we are giving to change our attitude?
2. Read Exodus 35:23-29 and 36:2. Giving wasn't only financial — it included time, skill, and craftsmanship (even the women's skilled weaving). What does this teach us about the range of ways we can give ourselves to God's work?
3. Think of a time a gift from someone you love — a child, grandchild, or friend — brought you joy simply because of who gave it. How is that similar to how God receives our offerings?
4. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says that **“God loves a cheerful giver.”** What do you think makes giving joyful rather than reluctant?
5. Can you think of a time when giving your time, money, possessions, or abilities actually brought you joy? What made that experience joyful?
6. What would it look like for giving (of money, time, or talent) to become a source of joy for you rather than an obligation to check off?

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