

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

## All In: The gift of Giving

### 1 Chronicles 29:1-20

“Then King David said to the entire assembly, ‘My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is still young and inexperienced and the work is great; for the temple is not for man, but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup> Now with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, onyx stones and inlaid stones, stones of antimony and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones and alabaster in abundance. <sup>3</sup> Moreover, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy temple, <sup>4</sup> namely, 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings; <sup>5</sup> of gold for the things of gold and of silver for the things of silver, that is, for all the work done by the craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?’ <sup>6</sup> Then the rulers of the fathers’ households, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the overseers over the king’s work, offered willingly; <sup>7</sup> and for the service for the house of God they gave 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, and 10,000 talents of silver, and 18,000 talents of brass, and 100,000 talents of iron. <sup>8</sup> Whoever possessed precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in care of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup> Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly. <sup>10</sup> So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, ‘Blessed are You, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name. <sup>14</sup> But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You. <sup>15</sup> For we are sojourners before You, and tenants, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. <sup>16</sup> O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours. <sup>17</sup> Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to You. <sup>18</sup> O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, our fathers, preserve this forever in

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the intentions of the heart of Your people, and direct their heart to You; <sup>19</sup> and give to my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies and Your statutes, and to do them all, and to build the temple, for which I have made provision.' <sup>20</sup> Then David said to all the assembly, 'Now bless the LORD your God.' And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed low and did homage to the LORD and to the king."

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## **OPEN:**

1. Do you have any financial goals for 2023?
2. Do you have an event in your life where you felt like David defeating Goliath ?

## **DIG:**

1. What stage of life is David in this passage? What is he preparing to do?
2. David gave what he had saved, but he also went beyond that. What does he invite the leaders to do? Read 2 Corinthians 8:3-5. What are the similarities of how Paul described the Macedonians?
3. What can we learn from David's regular practice of giving? Does the amount of your wealth dictate your ability to give? See Luke 21:1-4.
4. How does David start off his prayer in verse 10? It's good for us to be reminded of the bigness and awesomeness of God because, if we are honest, sometimes we forget. Sometimes, at least, we treat our circumstances as bigger than God or beyond His ability to help. But we serve an awesome God who is greater than anyone and anything. Do you believe that today? Why?

## **REFLECT:**

1. Here's a challenge to give giving a try it. Pick an amount and begin to give regularly. Set a goal and work towards it. Taste and see that the LORD is good. Remember, everything we have comes from Him. We are merely stewards of what He's entrusted to us. Whether He's entrusted us with little like the widow or much like King David, it's all His. So we can afford to be generous. And for those of you for whom giving is a discipline that you've practiced for awhile, good job and keep it up. May you continue to experience the joy of giving. And may we all be known for our generosity in 2023 and experience what a gift giving really is.