

# THE LIFE OF DAVID

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## WEEK 9: LASTING LEGACIES

In our final week of this series we can look back and see the common thread throughout the life of David:

*God's commitment to giving grace to his children is greater than their commitment to being faithful to him. As a result, God can and does use very fallen and broken people to showcase that grace, and accomplish his purposes in the world.*

### Today's Text: 1 Chronicles 29

#### 1. LASTING LEGACIES OF FAITH PRACTICE AND CELEBRATE JOYFUL GENEROSITY

- **Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-9**

Though David was deeply sad that he was not the one to build the temple of God, he was still dedicated to the work of God. Having already rightfully planned for the building of the temple with state funding, he still gave extravagantly of his own personal wealth. His money followed where his treasure lay. This is true of all of us (Matthew 6:21).

David's personal generosity towards the building of God's house not only blessed the project, but inspired others to give of their own resource. In so doing, David led them in the ways of God, and they all enjoyed the fruit of giving with a joyful heart (2 Corinthians 9:7).

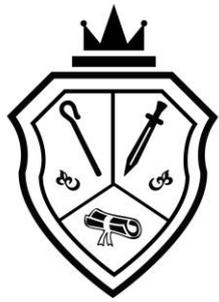
Generosity has very little to do with the quantity, but everything to do with the motive behind the giving. Generosity requires intentionality: thought, effort, discipline and sacrifice.

- ❖ Q: Why is generosity an issue of the heart that is merely reflected by the wallet?
- ❖ Q: Why does true generosity require discipline and sacrifice?
- ❖ Q: Do you consider yourself to be a generous person? (Give yourself a rating on a scale from 1-10 on where you think you fare. 1 being stingy and 10 being generous).

#### 2. LASTING LEGACIES OF FAITH SPEAK OF GOD'S GOODNESS

- **Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-16**

David understood the unmerited favour of God in his life. He knew that his family was no more special than the other families in Israel.



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He understood that everything he had ever been given, in wealth or influence, was given to him by God, for His own purposes. David understood that he was just a steward, just as the rest of Israel were. This understanding allowed him to be generous, because he knew it was all God's resource anyway.

❖ **To do:**

List all of the things that you believe have contributed to your current level of success. (E.g. family of origin, birth location, opportunities given: schooling, tertiary education, people of influence, societal opportunities, health, fitness, access to needs and wants, family structure, suburb etc.).

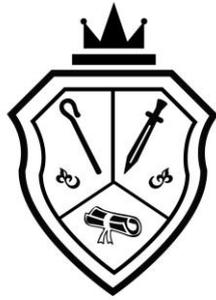
- ❖ Q: Which of these things were gifted to you by God's grace and kindness?
- ❖ Q: How many of these things are continually you thankful for, realizing that none of them were deserved or earned?
- ❖ Q: Why is it essential for us to understand that all our provision actually comes from God, in order for us to be truly generous with all that we have?

### 3. LASTING LEGACIES OF FAITH RECEIVE AND EXTEND GOD'S GRACE

- **Read 1 Chronicles 29:17**

When reading this account, we tend to feel almost proud of David for his faith in God's grace. He truly understood that he was only upright in heart because God had forgiven his sin. Yet, in 1 Kings 2, we read that David had not fully let God's grace transform his heart, and we read of evidence of his sin rising up yet again. In the last days of his life, it seems that revenge got the better of him. He instructed his son, Solomon, to kill both Joab and Shimei. His understanding of God's grace did not shape his heart to extend the same level of grace to others.

- ❖ *Personal Reflection Q: Is there anyone in your life to whom you have not extended grace? (I.e. To whom are you still harboring bitterness?)*
- ❖ Q: Why is the giving of grace to others a natural outworking of our receiving grace from Christ?
- ❖ Q: How can we be sure that our understanding of grace is more well-rounded, unlike David's?



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## 4. LASTING LEGACIES OF FAITH PRIORITIZE GODLINESS

### • **Read 1 Chronicles 29:18-19**

David rightly wanted his son to be obedient to God. This is not how the story played out, but it was the cry of his heart. We need to ask ourselves if holiness is a priority to us and if this is the primary legacy we want to leave to those following on behind us.

❖ **Q: What is the one thing you want to be remembered for and does this reflect that fact that your primary identity is being a Christ follower?**

## 5. LASTING LEGACIES OF FAITH HAVE CONFIDENT GLADNESS

### • **Read 1 Chronicles 29:20-22,26-28**

Though David had been imperfect, he still led his people in the pursuit of God. They were able to celebrate their reconciliation to God, when they had offered sacrifices before him. We too are able to celebrate our union with Christ, because of what he did for us on the cross. Every time we remember this should make us joyful and celebratory.

As a church, when we are all gone, and the next generation leads this community, we want to be remembered for the things that mattered to God:

- Generosity
- God's Goodness and Grace
- Godliness
- Gladness

❖ **Q: Which of the above do you think we, as a church community, will be remembered for, and which do you think we still need to work on? Explain.**

**To Consider this week:** What is the one big take-away that God is asking you to take on-board and apply to your life from this week's message?

