

Value the Gift of Journeying Together

March 4-5, 2017

INTRODUCTION: Set Your Time for Your Destination.

1 Chronicles 29:16 (All Verses from the New International Version 1984)

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.

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1. Hear God Clearly: Clarity

- Romans 5:15b ***...For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!***

2. Follow God Boldly: Courage

- 1 Chronicles 29:17 ***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.***

3. Obey God Faithfully: Consistency

- 1 Chronicles 29:18-19 ¹⁸ **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. ¹⁹ 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.**

4. Trust God Completely: Commitment

- Proverbs 3:5-6 ⁵ **Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.**

- Mark 9:22b-24 ^{22b} **"...if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."**
²³ **"If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."**
²⁴ **Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"**

CONCLUSION: Ripe for the Harvest!

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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Monday: Read *1 Chronicles 29:16*. If it all belongs to God, why does He want us to give? What is the value of everybody giving and sacrificing together on a Journey of Generosity?

Tuesday: Read *Romans 5:15*. If we are saved by grace, why do people think we are saved by what we do? As you think of God's grace guiding your life, where has God been speaking into your life? How have you sensed His guidance this year?

Wednesday: Read *1 Chronicles 29:17*. Where is God calling you to follow boldly? When do you find it easy to follow God's will? What makes the journey more challenging to follow Him? How can others help you in this journey?

Thursday: Read *1 Chronicles 29:18-19*. Soren Kierkegaard observed, "**Life can only be understood backward, but it must be lived forward.**" Being faithful isn't a call to being perfect, to having it all together. Being faithful means that despite our disorienting circumstances, we keep moving forward in faith and in trust. What keeps you focused on God when life becomes disorienting? Who prays for you to obey completely?

Friday: Read *Proverbs 3:5-6*. Trusting God completely is like jumping in a pool. Once you jump, you are fully committed. Where is God calling you to jump? What's holding you back? What's pulling you eagerly forward?

Saturday: Read *Mark 9:22-24*. I love the man's prayer, "***I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!***" Where do you need to pray Lord, "***I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!***"?

Going Deeper:

BOOK TO READ: *The Gift of Pain* by Paul Brand and Philip Yancey

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 12:1-4 **Follow Through with Faith**