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Building For Future Generations

Intro

1. David's ceiling was Solomon's floor. He built a strong foundation for his son to construct Israel's greatest kingdom.
2. In advancing God's kingdom, we must build into the lives of our natural & spiritual children, grand-children & great grand children. We need to be a source of encouragement to them. We need to take on the enemies of God (in our mind, habits, beliefs & in the area) so that they don't have to.
3. Let our focus be on those who follow. We are building (through our lifestyle, choices, values, money, and time investments) something for them. I appreciate so much your contribution to the future generation and sowing into them through your time, giving and gifting.
4. Unlike Willow there are many churches which are dying b/c some in the older generation refuses to turn the reigns over to the younger. I know of one church that had decreased to about 20 people nearly all of whom were over the age of 70. They interviewed a young preacher and heard of his plans to transition the church. The people grew afraid and many didn't want to make the necessary changes. Finally, one of the respected leaders of the group said, "We're all going to be dead in 5 - 10 years. Let's give him the opportunity to make changes so this church can outlive us." They did and the church has!

His Life - Live Consistently For the Lord

- He became the standard by which all the other kings were judged - 1 k.11.33; 15.3; 15.11; 2 K.14.3
 - i. David wasn't perfect. He sinned greatly (Bethsheba & adultery) and he didn't take responsibility in some key areas (children - Amnon, Absalom & Adonijah).
 - ii. But, he was consistent! He always returned to the Lord. He ultimately always wanted the Lord's will done.

God's not looking for perfect people, but he is looking for consistent & responsive people.

iii. What did David consistently seek?

1. The will of God – what should I do in a given situation. This is evident as he sought the Lord about going to war, how to respond to the famine and repenting of his sins.
2. The presence of God – 2 Sam. 6. David wanted to have God's presence among his people, so he brought the Ark to Jerusalem. On the way, a sin was committed and Uzzah was struck dead. They left the Ark at Obed-Edom's house and God greatly blessed him. These blessings are what motivated David to move the Ark completely to Jerusalem.
 - a. The presence of God is different from the will of God. You must do the will of God to experience the presence, but just b/c you do the will of God doesn't mean you'll recognize the presence. To me, this is our subjective experience with the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Ps.16.11 – in the presence of God we experience joy, power and direction.

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- His righteous living passed down a blessing to the following generations – 1 K.11.12; 2 Ki.8.19; 19.34; 20.6:
 - i. What I do today has an impact on tomorrow. You're shaping history when you live for the Lord. Your children, grand-children, great grand children, etc. will receive a blessing by your obedient living.
 - ii. Ex.20.6 – Blessings to a thousand generations. This doesn't mean they're all saved, but a spiritual blessing is upon them. How I live today will make a difference in someone's life a thousand years from now.

- iii. David's love for God 3000 years ago is still being felt by believers today. Though we might not make as big a splash we can make waves through righteous living.

His Projects – Stay in your boundaries

- Projects
 - The capturing of Jerusalem – 1 Ch.11.4–8.
 - The establishment of garrisons in the lands of their enemies – 1 Chron.18.6, 13.
 - The building of the Temple. 1 Chron.22 – 29 details the preparation for building the Temple. David wanted to build the Temple but God said he couldn't (22.6–10). This was a responsibility given to Solomon.
 - David did all the physical preparations for the construction of the Temple; he raised all the finances; he enlisted all the workers; He prepared all those who would minister before the Lord.
 - *He didn't build the Temple though he wanted to more than anything in the world.
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- Acts 13.36 – David accomplished God's purposes for his generation.
 - David stayed in his boundaries though his heart longed to do more for God.
 - W/in all of us there are dreams that we want to accomplish. Some of these are from the Lord and some of them aren't. We need to determine your assignment with God's insight. A good idea doesn't make it God's idea. Zeal & desire doesn't make it God's zeal & desire.
 - David had this burning passion for God; he had experienced several great successes – the crowning of King over Israel, the defeat of the Jebusites & the conquering of Jerusalem, the defeat of the Philistines,

the placement of the Ark (the presence of God) in Jerusalem; now he's ready to do something really great for God & God says, "No." "You aren't the one."

- Here's where we miss God sometimes, we look at our passions, successes and desires to serve God and assume that whatever we do, since it's done out of right motives, is the right thing.
- 2 Kings 14 - Amaziah. The story of a good king who overstepped his boundary. When you push beyond your boundary, you move outside the grace of God. You enter into striving, burn out, and eventual defeat. God gives you grace for your territory, but not for other people's territory.
- We can overstep our bounds when we respond to a need out of guilt, gifting (money, time, skill, resources) or indignation. I guess I should do something or I can do something or I will do something. We see a problem/cause/injustice and we jump at the opportunity. Jesus saw injustice all around him (political, economic, demonic), but he only responded to that which the Father directed. John 5.3-6 illustrates this. The man he healed at the Pool of Bethesda was surrounded by sick people, but Jesus only healed him. When we fight battles that aren't our battles there are unnecessary casualties.
- When we get involved in things not matter how wonderful or powerful that are outside of God's will for us (though they are God's will for others) somebody pays. You, the family, children, spouse, pocketbook, our health takes a toll when you do good things that are not in God's boundaries for you.
- Sometimes our call is to set up those around us...like in volleyball or basketball. An assist isn't as fun as a

spike or dunk, but it's just as necessary, and you do get credited.

- He fulfilled the assignment God gave him. He wasn't perfect, but he was responsive to the Lord and consistent in his walk with God.
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His Battles – Contend for the future

- David fought the Philistines relentlessly (1 Sam.17, 18, 19, 23, 2 Sam.5, 8, & 21), but as far as we know, Solomon never did. David's sacrifice became the next generation's peace.
 - Just like the men & women of the armed forces past & present who fought in wars. Their war became our peace.
- We sometimes must attack the enemy, so that those who follow us don't have to fight the enemy. The reason I want to live a life for Christ and do what I can in pursuing Jesus and building His Kingdom is so that my kids and those who follow after me don't have to fight the same battles.
- I want to defeat the personal demonic strongholds in my life, so my kids don't have to mess with them. I want to address the spiritual and societal problems so that my kids & grand kids & others can live in peace & prosperity.
- What are the family issues that you need to contend with? What about the other six mountains of influence?