

## LIFE Community Sermon Notes



### *David's Last Lecture*

#### **1 Chronicles 28**

##### **David's Plans for the Temple**

1 David summoned all the officials of Israel to assemble at Jerusalem: the officers over the tribes, the commanders of the divisions in the service of the king, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of all the property and livestock belonging to the king and his sons, together with the palace officials, the mighty men and all the brave warriors.

2 King David rose to his feet and said: "Listen to me, my brothers and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, for the footstool of our God, and I made plans to build it. 3 But God said to me, 'You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood.'

4 "Yet the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole family to be king over Israel forever. He chose Judah as leader, and from the house of Judah he chose my family, and from my father's sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel. 5 Of all my sons—and the LORD has given me many—he has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. 6 He said to me: 'Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he is unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws, as is being done at this time.'

8 "So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever.

9 "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. 10 Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work."

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Sunday, June 15

**Big Idea:** Hearts are formed when we make God's glory the pursuit of our lives.

**Key Verse:** 1 Chronicles 28:9b

"...serve him with wholehearted devotion..."

**Opening Question:** What is the most significant thing that has happened to you in the past week?

Questions in **bold** below are suggested focus questions. Sections in *italics* and/or parenthesis are for the leaders. Read the passage.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some memorable last words that you know?
2. **Bryan listed three types of people in his sermon: older adults, middle adults and younger adults. Where would you place yourself? Where would you place other people in your group?**
3. The overarching theme of Bryan's message was that we should serve God with our whole lives, no matter where are now. As you read through David's last lecture list some phrases that speak to this big idea.
4. **What is the difference in emphasis that you think David means when he says "...acknowledge the God of your father..."; "...serve him with wholehearted devotion" and finally "a willing mind"? How would you describe your own devotion to God in these areas?**
5. Bryan challenged older adults to serve God with their whole live...to continue in faithfulness even now. What does that look like for you as an older adult?
6. Bryan challenged middle adults to serve God with their whole hearts...to surrender all of their lives to him. What does that look like for you as a middle adult?
7. Bryan challenged younger adults to serve God beginning today...to avoid putting off wholehearted devotion for later in life. What does that look like for you as a younger adult?
8. **Spend time in your group in prayer now. Pray for each age group represented, remembering the specific items each listed as important to them. If your children are with you invite them to join you at the end and pray for them too. If your children are not with you or you don't have any, pray for those not their or for other children that they too may grow up to be devoted with their whole hearts.**

### Leader's Notes

1. *Bryan shared a dynamic illustration with us about how everyday events can become transformational moments. They represented a spiral or flywheel with four movements: 1) Pay Attention; 2) Turn Toward God; 3) Step Forward in Faith; 4) Rise to a New Level.*