



David and Solomon

WEEK 4

WARM-UP

- Have you been assigned a task you seemed inexperienced or underqualified for? How were you able to accomplish it?
- Think of a time when someone entrusted you with a valuable item. What do you think made that person trust you?
- What legacy would you like to leave behind?

WORD *¹And David the king said to all the assembly, “Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for the LORD God. ²So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able . . .”*

1 CHRONICLES 29:1-2

(Read also **1 CHRONICLES 29:3-30** and **2 CHRONICLES 1-2**.)

David's godly leadership enabled him to achieve many things, but what set him apart was being a man after God's own heart. In his final days as king, he wished to impart the same love for God to his son Solomon. Though Solomon at that time was still *young* and *inexperienced*, God chose him to become the next king. As we conclude the series, let's look at three encouragements from these passages as we help the next generation fulfill the purposes God has for them.

1 | Let us move forward in faith to prepare a platform for the next generation.

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During his reign, David was able to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem and wanted to build a temple to house it. But God did not allow him and instead chose one of David's sons, Solomon, to fulfill this task. David confidently trusted God and did everything to make sure that his son would be equipped to build the temple. David is an example of how good leaders value raising people who will succeed them. Who are the people who saw potential in you? How did they prepare you to become the person you are today or will be in the future?

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2 | Let us acknowledge and rely on God's provision and enablement.

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you." 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

(Read also **1 CHRONICLES 29:10-13**.)

David understood that everything he had came from God. It was important for David to acknowledge this so that the people would remember who their true provider and enabler

was. By doing so, David was able to ask God to grant Solomon *a whole heart* to follow God's ways. God is the Creator of all things. Apart from Him, we are unable to fulfill God's calling and purpose for our lives. How has God reminded you of His provision as you fulfill His calling?

3 | **Let us honor and build upon the preparations and legacy of the godly community who have gone before us.**

²³Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of David his father. And he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

*²⁴All the leaders and the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David, pledged their allegiance to King Solomon. ²⁵And the LORD made Solomon very great in the sight of all Israel and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel. **1 CHRONICLES 29:23-25***

David was wise to make sure that Solomon would be greater than him. For David, the measure of success was not in earthly things, but obedience and devotion to God. As a response, Solomon built on the legacy his father left behind and became *very great* among the people of Israel. We are where we are today because others have gone before us and have prepared the way for us. Whether we are young or advanced in our years, we can work together to see God's name be glorified in our communities. How have you grown from the lessons you learned from your mentors?

APPLICATION

- Who has mentored and guided you? How can you show your appreciation to them this week?
- How can you step out in faith to help the next and future generations know God and equip them to accomplish God's purpose for their lives? Identify at least three practical things you can do this week.
- How can you have a mindset of preparing for future generations? Why is it important to leave a legacy and not simply be a recipient of God's grace?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the privilege to honor and build upon the legacy of the godly generations who went before you. Ask God for a heart to leave behind a godly legacy for future generations to carry.
- Pray for open doors and opportunities to reach the next generation in your community and help them grow in the desire to reach future generations as well.
- Pray for the next generation to love, serve, and honor God. Ask God to bless them with wisdom, courage, and strength.



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