

Sermon Outline

“A House for My Name” Faithful in Possessions, Part Two

2 Samuel 7:8-13; Acts 2:42-47

We are learning what it means to become faithful stewards of the blessings God bestows upon us, being especially instructed by the ancient Christian community in Jerusalem. They were faithful in teaching and prayer, faithful in their possessions, and faithful in their witness. These first followers of Jesus Christ gathered daily not only in their homes but in the Temple as well. They gathered on the very spot where, centuries earlier, the Lord told David that he would one day build a house for his name.

- A Brief History of that House –
 - Abraham and Isaac on Moriah
 - Moses’ Tabernacle
 - The House of David and Solomon
 - “I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing”
 - “I will raise up your son...”

I. Heirs of the Promise made by the Faithful God

II. Preparation and Sacrifice – 1 Chronicles 29 and Acts 2

The Offering of King David – 1 Chronicles 29:2-5

The Leaders’ Offerings – 1 Chronicles 29:6-9

The People’s Offerings – 1 Chronicles 29:14-17

The People’s Offerings – Acts 2:45

The Leaders’ Offerings – Acts 1:8

The Offering of the Son of David – Acts 2:29-35

III. Ownership, Stewardship, and Blessing – Luke 5

A. The Real Owner of the Boat – Simon Peter or Christ?

B. From Nothing All Night to Abundance in the Morning – How?

Christ put Peter’s boat into the service of the Gospel and then put the Boat into a place of overflowing blessing. This transformed Simon into Peter, from a reed to a rock, from a follower of men to a fisher of men. Does Christ have the use of your boat?

C. Peter’s response:

1. Accepted Jesus’ “foolish” command
2. Acknowledged he was a Sinner
3. Abandoned All to Obey the Call

IV. Acting on These Principles

A. We Consecrate ourselves, this project, and this land to God.

B. We Consider how to make our offerings for God’s House

? The Purpose of the Packet given to you today

? The Joy of a Full Tool Chest

C. We Confess that whatever we offer God is from his hand to begin with

D. We Commit those offerings to God

E. We Celebrate God’s abundant blessings and transforming grace

V. *The Time Table and Process of Our Consecration*

- A. **Preparation** – It's been going on since the church committed to build
- B. **Information** – begins today as we inform and help everyone to envision the project, and offer wisdom as to how to approach this process
- C. **Dedication** –
 - 1. Our Leadership Commitment – November 2nd
 - 2. Our Congregation's Commitment – November 19th
- D. **Celebration** – December 17