Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 34
1st Chronicles 16-27, Acts 4-7:36

1st Chronicles 16: David's song of thanks

Key Point:
It is a good thing to remember what God has done in your life and participate in being grateful to Him whenever you can.

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Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 16:7 (NLT)
On that day David gave to Asaph and his fellow Levites this song of thanksgiving to the Lord

1st Chronicles 17: Solomon will build it

Key Point:
Sometimes what we think is a good idea is not God's idea – it is wise to be open to God directing us away from what might seem like a good idea.

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Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 17:12 (NLT)
He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for me. And I will secure his throne forever.

1st Chronicles 18: David's wars

Key Point:
A truly humble person gives God the glory for success and victory in life and dedicates all that they receive in this life to the Lord and His glory.

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Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 18:1 (NLT)
After this, David defeated and subdued the Philistines by conquering Gath and its surrounding towns.

1st Chronicles 19: Arrogant Hanun

Key Point:
Being rash, imprudent, rude, or insulting can lead to tragedy. Better to be humble than humiliated.

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Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 19:1 (NLT)
Some time after this, King Nahash of the Ammonites died, and his son Hanun became king

1st Chronicles 20: Twenty four fingers and toes

Key Point:

Just because a problem is big and scary doesn't mean God cannot give you victory. A humble person before the Lord can see victory over an adversary be that adversary large or small.

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Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 20:6 (NLT)
In another battle with the Philistines at Gath, they encountered a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all, who was also a descendant of the giants.

1st Chronicles 21: Ornan's threshing floor

Key Point:
No matter how successful the Lord allows us to be in this life, we should never forget that whatever blessings we have in this life come ultimately from the Lord.

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Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 21:18 (NLT)
Then the angel of the Lord told Gad to instruct David to go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

1st Chronicles 22: David preps for the temple

Key Point:
The Lord's plans and use of our lives may not unfold fully in our lifetimes – we should choose to be content to prepare the way for those who come after us.

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Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 22:6 (NLT)
Then David sent for his son Solomon and instructed him to build a Temple for the Lord, the God of Israel.

1st Chronicles 23: David organizes Levites

Key Point:
God does not expect everyone to do everything which is why there are different parts of the body, but each us of has a sacred duty to give to the Lord.

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Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 23:2 (NLT)
David summoned all the leaders of Israel, together with the priests and Levites.

1st Chronicles 24: Levite divisions

Key Point:
God does not expect each of us to do everything in ministry at every time. Dividing up the responsibilities of ministry is Godly and wise.

Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 24:31 (NLT)
Like the descendants of Aaron, they were assigned to their duties by means of sacred lots, without regard to age or rank. Lots were drawn in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the family leaders of the priests and the Levites.

1st Chronicles 25: Musicians

Key Point:
Music ministry is not an afterthought or entertainment. God uses music to communicate (prophecy) and allow worshippers to experience the awe and wonder of God's goodness since music releases our emotions.

Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 25:1 (NLT)
David and the army commanders then appointed men from the families of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun to proclaim God's messages to the accompaniment of lyres, harps, and cymbals. Here is a list of their names and their work:

1st Chronicles 26: Gatekeepers

Key Point:
There are practical ministry needs that may not seem as "spiritual" but are nevertheless very important, esteemed by God and recognized as important so we should honor the practical servants in everything from passing out doughnuts to passing the offering baskets.

Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 26:13 (NLT)
They were assigned by families for guard duty at the various gates, without regard to age or training, for it was all decided by means of sacred lots.

1st Chronicles 27: Captains of divisions

Key Point:
God approves of organization, logical division of labor and administration and blesses those who do these things after submitting them to the Lord.

Key Verse - 1st Chronicles 27:1 (NLT)
This is the list of Israelite generals and captains, and their officers, who served the king by supervising the army divisions that were on duty each month of the year. Each division served for one month and had 24,000 troops.

Acts 4: Arrested but Bold

Key Point:
People who are threatened by the message of Jesus will always threaten and try to silence believers, but we must tell the truth regardless of any threat.

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Key Verse - Acts 4:29 (NLT)
And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word.

Acts 5: Liars lay & Gamaliel's thought

Key Point:
We must obey God rather than men – no matter what intimidation or threats come our way.

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Key Verse - Acts 5:39 (NLT)
But if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even find yourselves fighting against God!"

Acts 6: Elders appoint Deacons

Key Point:
There is a place for practical ministry, and we should be organized for both the ministry of the word and the to help meet the practical needs of believers.

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Key Verse - Acts 6: 2 – 3 (NLT)
So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, "We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. [3] And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility.

Acts 7: Stephen's Speech

Key Point:
Human nature has not changed. Lack of faith, lack of humility before God and irrational justification is the hallmark of human nature so we must guard ourselves against those things.

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Key Verse - Acts 7:54 (NLT)
The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen's accusation, and they shook their fists at him in rage.