

8-9-26 Sermon Summary Recap – Giving as Worship: Exo 35:1-36:7

After Israel's sin with the golden calf, God graciously restored His covenant with them and commanded them to build the tabernacle—the place where His presence would dwell among His people. In response to God's grace, Moses invited everyone with a willing heart to bring materials and use their skills for the work. The people responded with such generosity and joy that Moses eventually had to tell them to stop giving because they had more than enough.

The sermon showed that giving is not meant to be guilt-driven or merely a religious duty. Instead, generosity flows from gratitude. When we recognize God's grace—especially in Christ—we respond with worship by offering our time, skills, resources, and hearts for His work in the world.

Sermon in a Sentence: God delights to resource His work in the world through resourcing His people to delight to resource His work.

3 Key Points Discussed

1. God's Grace Comes First

What it is: Before the people gave anything, God had already shown them grace. He rescued them from slavery, provided for them, and restored covenant relationship after their sin.

Key takeaway: Our giving begins with remembering what God has already given us—especially salvation in Jesus.

2. Generosity Flows from a Willing Heart

What it is: Moses did not pressure or manipulate the people. He simply told them what God commanded and invited those whose hearts were stirred to give.

Key takeaway: God is not after reluctant giving; He wants joyful worship from hearts moved by His grace.

3. God Uses Everyone's Gifts for His Work

What it is: Men, women, leaders, craftsmen, and skilled workers all contributed in different ways. Some gave materials, others gave labor, skill, or leadership.

Key takeaway: Every believer has something to offer—time, ability, resources, encouragement, service, or generosity.

Discussion Questions

What has God given you that reminds you of His grace and provision?

When you think about giving your time, money, or abilities to God's work, do you usually feel joy, hesitation, pressure, or gratitude? Why?

What gifts, skills, or resources has God entrusted to you that could be used to serve others and build up the church?

Practical Applications

- Examine Your Heart
 - Take time personally or as a family to ask: "What does our use of money, time, and energy reveal about what we value most?"
- Practice Grateful Giving
 - Choose one intentional way this week to give or serve—not out of guilt, but as a response to God's grace.
- Use Your Gifts in the Church
 - Look for one need around you and take a step toward meeting it. If you see a way to help, encourage, serve, teach, give, or support, begin there.

Memory Verse: *2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

God does not need our money, skills, or service, but He graciously invites us to participate in His work. When our hearts are captured by His grace, generosity becomes worship. As individuals and families, may we gladly offer what God has given us back to Him for His glory and the good of others.