1 CHRONICLES 29:1–18

THE SACRIFICE IS WORTH IT

Big Idea: Because everything we have belongs to God, we should willingly sacrifice today for Gospel work that can outlive us.

SACRIFICE BEGINS WITH A HEART FOR GOD'S WORK *(1 Chronicles 29:1–5)*

- What does David's statement, "because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it," teach us about the relationship between our hearts and our generosity? (Matthew 6:19–21; 1 Chronicles 29:3)
- Why must biblical generosity begin with surrender rather than pressure or guilt, and what does it mean to offer our entire lives to God as a "living sacrifice"? (Romans 12:1–2; 2 Corinthians 8:1–5)
- How can our willingness, or unwillingness, to sacrifice reveal what we genuinely value, and how does the Gospel reshape what we consider worth sacrificing for? (Matthew 13:44–46; 2 Corinthians 5:14–15)

SACRIFICE GIVES WILLINGLY AND TOGETHER *(1 Chronicles 29:5–9)*

- What characterized the people's giving in 1 Chronicles 29, and why is willingness so important to biblical generosity? (Exodus 35:20–29; 2 Corinthians 9:6–8)
- Why does God care about the heart, faith, and obedience behind our giving rather than simply the size of the gift? (Mark 12:41–44; 2 Corinthians 8:11–12)
- What could God accomplish when an entire church family prayerfully seeks Him and sacrificially participates together in His mission? (Acts 2:44–47; Philippians 4:15–19)

SACRIFICE RECOGNIZES THAT EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD *(1 Chronicles 29:10–18)*

- What does David mean when he says, "For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you," and how should that truth change the way we view our possessions? (Psalm 24:1; James 1:17)
- How does recognizing God's ownership free us to hold our resources more loosely and use them for eternal purposes? (Matthew 6:19–21; 1 Timothy 6:17–19)
- David reminds us that "our days on the earth are like a shadow." What could we surrender during our brief lifetime that God might use to produce Gospel fruit long after we are gone? (Psalm 90:12; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18)