

**Sermon: Giving From the Heart.**  
**Series: Exodus.**

**Scripture: Exodus 35:1-36:7.**  
**Date: October 29, 2023**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) Read Psalm 24:1. God owns everything. What makes this truth easy or difficult for you to embrace?
- b) God could have just spoken the Tabernacle into existence from out of nothing. Why do you think he wanted to Israelites to contribute to the building of the Tabernacle? What does this teach us about God?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) Scan through Exodus 35:1-36:7 and note each time it talks about the heart or spirit of the giver. How does this compare with Paul's statement in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7?
- b) Does your giving flow from duty and obligation, Or, can you say that you give from the heart? Think about: Do I ever regret giving to the work of the church? Do I ever re-evaluate my giving to the church? Do I live with enough margin to be able to give to individuals or ministries that are in immediate need?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) The amazing thing about this passage in Exodus is how it previews the New Covenant. The law of the tithe had not been given yet; the people gave from grace. What grace had they received in the past (think Golden Calf). What future grace were they looking forward to (think Promised Land)? What about us? What past and future grace can motivate our present giving and serving?

**APPLICATION**

- a) Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. Only Jesus can heal our hearts and motivate us to give from grace not law. How have you seen the Lord Jesus doing this in your heart lately?
- b) What would a gift "from the heart" look like for you? Be specific if you can. Or, what might need to change in your giving for it to be from the heart?

**PRAYER**

- Acknowledge God's ownership of all things.
- Confess ways that you have failed to give from a cheerful heart.
- Thank Jesus for giving us all that is his.
- Ask God to help you to give and serve from grace and faith, and not just obligation.