



Dare To Dream Again

2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 22

7:2 David summoned Nathan the prophet. "Look!" David said. "Here I am living in this beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out in a tent!"

4 But that same night the LORD said to Nathan, 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says... 7 I have never asked... "Why haven't you built me a beautiful cedar temple? 8...I chose you to lead my people Israel when you were just a shepherd boy... 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies. Now I will make your name famous throughout the earth!

11 "And now the LORD declares that he will build a house for you—a dynasty of kings! 12 For when you die, I will raise up one of your descendants, and I will make his kingdom strong. 13 He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name... 16 Your dynasty and your kingdom will continue for all time..."

17 So Nathan went back to David and told him everything the LORD had said.

18 Then King David...sat before the LORD and prayed, "Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 19 And now...in addition to everything else, you speak of giving me a lasting dynasty!... 20 What more can I say? ...21 according to your will, you have done all these great things... How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you... 26 May your name be honored forever..."

22:1 David said... "The Temple of the LORD God must be a magnificent structure, famous and glorious throughout the world. So I will begin making preparations for it now." So David collected vast amounts of building materials...

6 Then David sent for his son Solomon and instructed him to build a Temple for the LORD... 7 "I wanted to build a Temple... But the LORD said to me, '...since you have shed so much blood...you will not be the one to build a Temple... 9 But you will have a son... and I will give peace and quiet to Israel during his reign. 10 He is the one who will build a Temple to honor my name...'

11 "Now, my son, may the LORD be with you and give you success as you follow his instructions in building the Temple... 14 "I have worked hard to provide materials for building the Temple of the LORD... gold...silver...iron and bronze...lumber and stone... 15 You have many skilled stonemasons and carpenters and craftsmen of every kind available to you...Now begin the work, and may the LORD be with you!"

When God says "No"-- Dare to Dream Again

"The LORD told (David) 'It is right for you to want to build the Temple to honor my name, but you will not be the one to do it.'" (2 Chron. 6:8,9)

ACCEPT THAT GOD HAS A BETTER DREAM

God Has A Better **Plan**

"And now the LORD declares that he will build a house for you" (7:11)

God Has A Better **Fit**

"since you have shed so much blood...you will not be the one to build a Temple... But you will have a son...who will build a Temple" (22:8,10)

God Has A Better **Time**

"I will give peace and quiet to Israel during (Solomon's) reign." (22:9)

DREAM GOD'S DREAM

God's Dream Is **Clear**

"I have never asked...Why haven't you built me a beautiful cedar temple?" (7:7)

God's Dream Is **Inspiring**

"David said, "...the Temple of the LORD must be a magnificent structure" (22:5)

God's Dream Builds **God's Kingdom**

"the Temple...must be...famous and glorious throughout the world" (22:5)
"I will establish the throne of (your descendants) kingdom forever" (7:13)

ACT TO ACCOMPLISH GOD'S DREAM

"according to your will, you have done all these great things" (7:21)

Cooperate, Don't **Control**

"I will begin making preparations for (the Temple) now." (22:5)

Contribute, Don't **Complain**

"So David collected vast amounts of building materials" (22:5)

RAISE GOD FOR HIS DREAM

"Then King David...sat before the LORD and prayed, 'Who am I O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family? ...you have brought me this far... now in addition to everything else you speak of giving me a lasting dynasty! How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you... May your name be honored forever...'" (7:18-22)

TRUST GOD TO MAKE HIS DREAMS COME TRUE

"may the LORD be with you and give you success as you follow his instructions in building the Temple... Now begin the work, and may the LORD be with you!" (22:11,16)