

UNION CHURCH

BUILDING HOME

YEAR TWO - FINISH STRONG



MIDPOINT REFRESH

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, COMMITTING TO FINISHING WELL

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DEAR UNION CHURCH FAMILY,

Over the last seven years, we have witnessed the invisible hand of God leading, shaping, and building our church. We started as a small gathering with a big vision, praying for a gospel witness in San Clemente; we have developed into a thriving gospel community marked by faith, generosity, resilience, and perseverance.

In every season - whether in living rooms, schools, or outdoor spaces - Jesus has shown up and proven Himself faithful again and again.

When we launched Building Home a year ago, we set out not merely to raise funds, but to deepen trust. Our aim was to see Jesus build His church both spiritually and tangibly. We prayed that the Lord would establish a lasting gospel presence in this city, and by His grace, He has answered. Today, we stand in awe and gratitude as we announce that Union Church is in escrow for our first permanent home. What was once a prayer is now becoming a reality.

But even as we celebrate, we recognize that while this moment is a milestone - it is not the finish line. There is still work to do, faith to exercise, and generosity to display as we move from vision to completion. Building Home has always been about more than a building; it's about building a people - a family of living stones being shaped into a spiritual house for the glory of Jesus Christ. As we move into this next season, our focus is simple: to finish strong. Let's continue to pray, to give, and be part of them together.

**"YOU YOURSELVES LIKE LIVING STONES ARE
BEING BUILT UP AS A SPIRITUAL HOUSE..."**

1 PETER 2:5

With deep gratitude and joy,

Aaron Newman

Lead Pastor, Union Church

MILESTONES TO DATE

2016

Initial prayer gatherings and the formation of the core team.

2017

Core team meetings in a living room for training, planning, and prayer.

2018

Official public launch of Union Church in San Clemente.

2020

Disruption of COVID-19 and displacement from our meeting location, beginning of outdoor gatherings.

2021

Partnership with San Clemente Christian School (SCCS); continued growth in ministries, volunteers, and outreach.

2024

Launch of the Building Home - two-year generosity journey focused on permanence, people, and planting.

2025
Summer

Return to San Clemente High School - a larger, more central facility for Sunday worship and ministry expansion.

2025
Fall

Entered escrow for our first permanent church home at 110 Calle Iglesia - a historic step toward long-term gospel presence in our city.



The story of Union Church is, through every season and phase, a story of God's providence, provision, goodness, and grace. What began as a handful of people praying in a living room has grown into a vibrant gospel family planted firmly in San Clemente. Over the years, through many moves, countless challenges, and seasons of growth, God has proven Himself faithful time and again - guiding us, shaping us, and providing what we need in every moment.

Each milestone marks a moment of God's kindness and the faith of his people. Every move, every challenge, and every new space has prepared us for this one. From living rooms to classrooms, from temporary tents to high-school auditoriums - God has been building His house through living stones.

WHERE WE ARE NOW: A TANGIBLE STEP OF FAITH

A year ago, Building Home was a vision - an act of trust that God would provide a permanent home for Union Church. Today, that vision has taken shape. By God's grace, we are now in escrow for a property in San Clemente that will soon serve as our first true home base for worship, discipleship, and mission.

This moment is a testimony to your faithfulness, generosity, and prayer - and to God's unmatched goodness to his church.

As we enter this new chapter, we are:

1. Moving From Vision to Reality

The dream of a permanent home is becoming tangible. Escrow is underway, architectural and permitting work has begun, and we can now see the space that our worship room, ministry spaces, and kids' classrooms will occupy.



**UNION
CHURCH
IS IN
ESCROW**



2. Growing in Faith and Generosity

Year One of Building Home has been marked by incredible engagement - families giving sacrificially, members serving faithfully, and new people joining the journey. The Lord has used this initiative not just to raise funds, but to form hearts.

3. Preparing for the Future

Our move back to San Clemente High School this year has given us room to grow, host more families, and strengthen our ministries as we prepare for our permanent space. This interim season is a bridge between what has been and what's to come.

4. Finishing Strong

We're halfway through the journey, and our invitation remains the same - pray, commit, give, participate, and trust. Every gift, every commitment brings us one step closer to opening the doors of our permanent home and welcoming generations to come.



WHAT IS BUILDING HOME

When we launched Building Home one year ago, we set out to do something bold - to trust God for both a spiritual and physical home. We knew that our church wasn't defined by walls, but by people. And yet, we also knew that a permanent home would allow our ministry to flourish for generations to come.

From the start, Building Home has been about far more than property or dollars. It's about formation, not just fundraising. It's about God shaping us into a people of

faith, prayer, and generosity - people who build their lives on the gospel and invest in what lasts forever.

As we move into Year Two, our theme is clear: celebrate God's faithfulness and finish strong.



**"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."
Psalm 127:1**

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Primary Goal: 100% Engagement

Our first and primary goal has never changed - that every person who calls Union Church home would fully engage in the initiative.

Building Home is a discipleship journey before it is a financial one. It's about each of us taking a step of faith, learning to trust God more deeply, and joyfully joining in His work.



Secondary Goal: \$2.325 Million over Two Years

This goal represents our collective commitment to fund the next chapter of Union Church's life and mission - supporting our ongoing ministry operations while securing a permanent home for the future.



THE CORE OBJECTIVES: PERMANENCE, PEOPLE, PLANTING.

1. *PERMANENCE - SECURING A HOME FOR GENERATIONS*

Through God's provision, we are now closer than ever to establishing a permanent gospel outpost in San Clemente. Our property at 110 Calle Iglesia will serve as a central base for worship, discipleship, and mission.

With this facility, we will be able to:

- * Create a dedicated, consistent space for worship and ministry.
- * Provide expanded classrooms for Union Kids and adult training.
- * Establish offices and flexible ministry areas for weekday impact.
- * Deepen our roots in the city and serve our community with greater presence and permanence.





2. *PEOPLE - EQUIPPING AND EMPOWERING LEADERS*

A home gives us room to grow our greatest resource - people. As we move toward permanence, we are continuing to invest in:

- * Leadership development for staff, interns, and emerging leaders.
- * Volunteer training and engagement, strengthening every ministry team.
- * Pastoral care and discipleship, building a culture of maturity and health.

Our aim is to equip men and women who embody Jesus' character and push His mission forward.

3. *PLANTING - EXTENDING OUR GOSPEL REACH*

Union Church exists not just to gather but to multiply. As we build our home base, we are preparing to send - planting new churches and forming partnerships with local ministries to reach more people with the gospel.

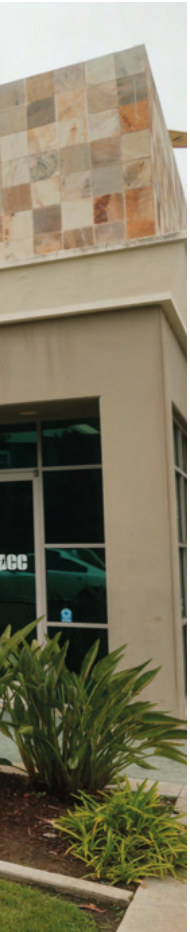
This next chapter includes:

- * Establishing a pastoral residency and internship track to train future church planters and leaders.
- * Continuing to support local and global ministry partners through prayer, giving, and service.
- * Laying the groundwork for future church plants in Orange County and beyond.

Looking Ahead

The Building Home initiative has always been a two-year journey - but its impact will last far longer. As we step into the second half, we do so with gratitude and anticipation. Jesus isn't finished yet, so neither are we. Together, let's finish strong - building a home where Jesus is exalted, lives are transformed, and generations yet to come will embrace God's call on their lives.





PHASES OF THE PROJECT

PHASE 1 *Identifying the Space — Completed*

Location: 110 Calle Iglesia, San Clemente.

After years of prayer, searching, and patience, God has provided a space that meets our needs and positions us for long-term ministry impact. This facility gives us the right footprint for worship, kids' ministry, discipleship, and community outreach - all within the heart of San Clemente. The property is now in escrow, marking one of the most significant milestones in Union Church's history.

PHASE 2 *Funding & CUP — Now through February 2026*

This is our current phase - a decisive period where prayer, generosity, and preparation converge.

To move from vision to reality, we are trusting God for **\$750,000** between October 2025 and February 2026.

These funds will position us to close escrow and begin the vital work of permitting and preparation.

PHASE 2A. OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2025: → \$500,000 Goal

The next three months are crucial. These gifts will directly support:

- * Our down payment on the property.
- * Conditional Use Permit (CUP) work and city fees.
- * Initial tenant-improvement planning and architectural costs.

This stretch is not just financial - it's spiritual. Every gift represents faith, partnership, and obedience to God's call to build His house.



PHASE 2B. JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2026 → \$250,000 Goal

The early months of the new year will help us finalize our CUP process, solidify architectural and design plans, and build the financial margin necessary to begin tenant improvements with strength and stability.

We have already begun the CUP process, working closely with our architect and professionals who specialize in guiding churches through city planning and permitting.

PHASE 3

Getting the Keys & Making It Home — March – May 2026



This is where plans turn into progress and the fun begins.

Once escrow closes and permits are secured, we will begin the Tenant Improvement (TI) work that transforms the building into our church home.

This phase will include:

- * Expanding restrooms and updating infrastructure.
- * Designing and outfitting Union Kids classrooms and flexible ministry rooms.
- * Refreshing the worship space, offices, and entry areas for warmth and excellence.
- * Implementing design touches that reflect our culture - simple, beautiful, gospel-centered.

During this time, we anticipate beginning to use the facility for mid-week ministries, training, and prayer gatherings - taking the first steps of life in our new home even before full relocation.

PHASE 4

Move In - June 2026

By summer 2026, we plan to fully relocate to 110 Calle Iglesia and begin gathering for Sunday worship in our permanent home. This will be a historic and joy-filled moment - the culmination of years of prayer, sacrifice, and perseverance.

It will mark not an end, but a beginning - a launching point for decades of ministry, discipleship, and gospel influence in our city.

"THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING; IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES."

PSALM 118:23



PHASE 5

Finishing Strong - March – December 2026

Even after we move in, Building Home continues.

The final phase of the initiative carries us through the end of the two-year journey, as we continue giving, celebrating, and finishing what we started.

To reach our full initiative goal of **\$2.325 million**, the remaining giving target from March - December 2026 is \$813,000.

This final stretch allows us to:

- * Fully complete our two-year goal, securing long-term financial health for the church.
- * Finish remaining facility enhancements and design elements as the space comes to life.
- * Build a healthy reserve to sustain growth, expand ministries, and fuel future church planting.
- * Celebrate what God has done — not just with a building, but with a transformed people.

This phase is about gratitude, perseverance, and joy. It's about seeing the faith we began with brought to completion - not by our strength, but by His. As we give, pray, and serve together through the finish line, we are setting the stage for decades of gospel fruit in San Clemente and beyond.

**"HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL BRING IT TO
COMPLETION AT THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST."**

PHILIPPIANS 1:6





Finishing Strong

As we look ahead to these phases, we do so with deep gratitude and excitement.

The road from here will require continued generosity, prayer, and unity - but the Lord has brought us this far, and He will finish what He has begun.

Together, we will cross this final stretch, open the doors of our new home, and see the faithfulness of God displayed for generations to come.

From identifying the space to turning the key, every phase has been another step of faith - and God has provided at every turn.

Now, as we look to finish strong, we do so with full hearts, clear vision, and ready hands to continue building what He has begun.



NEXT STEPS:

How Can I Get Involved

At the halfway point of Building Home, we have lots to celebrate - and a lot still to do. The Lord has moved powerfully through your prayers, generosity, and faith, and what was once a vision is now becoming visible. The prayers we've prayed and commitments we've made are bearing fruit, and the steps we take together in these coming months will be critical as we finish strong and step into our new home.

This next stretch - from October 2025 through February 2026 - represents a defining moment in our journey. As we enter the most tangible season yet, we are asking every person who calls Union Church home to lean in, re-engage, and **finish strong**.



PRAY

Everything begins and ends with prayer. This initiative was born out of dependence on God, and it will only succeed by His grace.

- * Pray for wisdom and favor as we finalize the purchase of 110 Calle Iglesia and work through the CUP process.
- * Pray for provision - that the Lord would meet every need as we move through escrow, permitting, and improvements.
- * Pray for faith - that we would remain rooted in gratitude and trust, following His lead step by step.

**"NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAYS
THE LORD OF HOSTS."
ZECHARIAH 4:6**

PARTICIPATE

The story of Building Home has never been about a few doing much - it's about everyone doing their part. As we move toward our permanent home, your involvement matters more than ever.

- * **Serve:** As we prepare for the move, there will be opportunities to help with logistics, design, demo, communication, and ministry readiness. purchase of 110 Calle Iglesia and work through the CUP process.
- * **Engage:** Stay informed, show up, and share what God is doing. Follow the progress at unionchurchsc.com/buildinghome.
- * **Encourage:** Share the vision of what God is doing. Stir others up to commitment, participation, and celebration - invite them in to be a part of this season.

Participation isn't just activity, it's ownership and presence - living as a church body that believes God is at work among us.

COMMIT

Generosity is one of the clearest expressions of our faith in God's promises. Whether you are joining the journey for the first time, increasing your commitment, or persevering to the finish line, each step is an act of worship and trust.

A. New Commitment

Building Home is for everyone who calls Union Church home. If you haven't yet made a commitment, or if you've joined our church family since the initiative began, we invite you to step in.

Prayerfully consider making a 12-month generosity commitment to Building Home. Every gift moves the mission forward.

B. Increase

Some of you made a commitment last year, and since then, your faith has grown, or your financial capacity has expanded. If that's you, consider increasing your commitment as a fresh response to Jesus' generosity toward you.





We don't give out of obligation; we give out of joy, as a response to what the Father has given to us in Christ.

C. Finish Strong

For many, your original commitment represented sacrificial, gospel-driven generosity - and it still does.

Our invitation is simple: persevere and finish strong.

As we move through this next season, we are trusting God for:

- * \$750,000 (October - February) for our down payment, CUP, and initial improvements.
- * \$813,000 (March - December 2026) to complete our full Building Home goal of \$2.325 million.

Let's finish what God started - together.

"HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL BRING IT TO COMPLETION AT THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST."

PHILIPPIANS 1:6



CELEBRATE

Every milestone in this journey is a reminder of God's faithfulness. From prayer meetings in living rooms to outdoor worship, from school gyms to escrow on our first permanent home - every step has been the Lord's providence and provision.

Let's celebrate what God has already done, even as we look ahead to what's still to come.

Every dollar given, every hour served, every life changed is part of His story of grace.

**"THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, AND WE ARE
FILLED WITH JOY."**

PSALM 126:3

FINISHING STRONG TOGETHER

God is building more than a facility. Jesus is forming a centered home that will continue to illuminate our city with the gospel and advance His mission.

Let's pray faithfully, participate fully, give generously, and celebrate joyfully as we finish this season with open hands and full hearts.









GIVING CHART

AS YOU PRAY AND DISCERN HOW GOD WOULD ASK YOU TO GIVE DURING THIS TIME, USE THIS GIFT CHART AS A DISCIPLESHIP TOOL. LET IT BE SOMETHING THAT INSPIRES AND CHALLENGES YOU TOWARD GREATER GENEROSITY FOR CHRIST’S KINGDOM AS WE SEEK TO GIVE IT ALL FOR HIM. GIFTS NEEDED TWO YEAR.

Gifts Needed	Two Year Gift	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift	Total Gift
1	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$8,333	\$200,000
1	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$150,000
2	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$200,000
2	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$150,000
3	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$195,000
4	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$200,000
5	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$175,000
8	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$200,000
12	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$180,000
15	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$150,000
20	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$150,000
25	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$125,000
40	\$3,500	\$1,750	\$146	\$140,000
MANY	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$110,000
Total:				\$2,325,000

I am **NEW** to Building Home

☐ I would like to make a one year commitment to Building Home in the amount of:

\$

December 2025 - December 2026

*This includes your regular giving over the next 12 months, as well as your expanded giving and stored resources.

I am **ALREADY** committed to Building Home

My current two-year commitment is:

\$

December 2024 - December 2026

*At the midpoint of Building Home,
I would like to:*

☐ Confirm my commitment to finish strong

☐ Increase my two-year commitment to:

\$

December 2024 - December 2026

Name

Email

Phone

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

01. *What is the “Building Home” initiative?*

Building Home is a two-year generosity journey aimed at establishing a permanent home for Union Church in San Clemente. It's not only about funding a building, but about forming a people - a family being built together into a spiritual house where the gospel can take deeper root and flourish for generations to come.

02. *Where are we now in the process?*

By God's grace, Union Church is in escrow for our first permanent home at 110 Calle Iglesia in San Clemente. We've begun architectural and CUP (Conditional Use Permit) work and are now entering a decisive season of funding and preparation that will carry us toward closing, construction, and eventually move-in.

03. *How much have we raised so far, and what remains?*

At the mid-point of our two-year initiative, God has already provided abundantly through your generosity.

Our total two-year goal remains \$2.325 million, and to reach it, we're trusting Him for the following key milestones:





- * \$750,000 (October 2025 - February 2026) - down payment, CUP, and initial improvement costs.
- * \$811,000 (March - December 2026) - completing the initiative goal and establishing margin for future ministry growth.

Every dollar given continues to move us toward full ownership and a lasting gospel presence in our city.



04. *How will the funds be used?*

The funds raised during Building Home will be allocated toward:

- * Securing our facility: Down payment and closing costs for 110 Calle Iglesia.
- * City and CUP requirements: Architectural, planning, and permitting expenses.
- * Tenant Improvements (TI): Construction and design updates - including expanded restrooms, classrooms, worship space, and offices.
- * Future ministry strength: Building healthy financial reserves and supporting ongoing ministry operations as we grow.

05. *What is the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and why is it important?*

A CUP is the city's approval process that allows us to operate as a church within our new facility.

It ensures that our property meets local requirements for safety, parking, accessibility, and community impact.

This process typically spans several months and involves architectural planning, environmental review, and city approval - a crucial step toward officially occupying and using our building for ministry.

06. *What happens if we exceed our goal?*

If God provides beyond our goal, any additional funds will strengthen our financial position as we enter our new building - enabling us to further invest in ministry, church planting, and long-term facility stewardship. Generosity beyond the goal will fuel the next chapter of gospel work at Union Church.

07. *What if we don't reach the goal?*

We're trusting God to provide everything needed, but if we fall short, we'll adjust timelines and scope as needed while staying faithful to the mission. Even then, our first priority will remain securing our permanent home and stewarding resources wisely. We will continue to communicate with clarity every step of the way.

08. *How can I get involved financially?*

There are several ways to get involved:

- * **Make a new commitment** if you've joined Union Church since Building Home began.
- * **Increase your commitment** if the Lord has expanded your capacity or deepened your faith.
- * **Finish strong** by fulfilling your current pledge with joy and perseverance.





All giving during this two-year period continues to support both Building Home and ongoing ministry operations through our One Fund approach.

09. *What is the “One Fund” approach?*

Rather than maintaining separate budgets, Building Home combines all giving into a single unified fund that supports both our ongoing ministry operations and the specific goals of the initiative.

This approach keeps giving simple and aligned. Every dollar given to Union Church directly fuels Building Home. There isn't a separate “building fund” reserved only for those who give above and beyond; instead, every act of generosity counts toward the mission of building a permanent gospel home and sustaining the ministries that fill it with life.

10. *When will we move into our new home?*

We anticipate moving into 110 Calle Iglesia in June 2026, following the completion of our tenant improvements, though this timeline remains fluid.

This will be a historic moment: the culmination of years of prayer, generosity, and faith. After we move in, we'll continue giving and celebrating through the remainder of 2026 as we finish the Building Home initiative strong.



11. *How will we stay updated on progress?*

We'll continue sharing updates through Sunday services, church emails, and Building Home gatherings.

You can also visit unionchurchsc.com/buildinghome anytime for the latest information, stories, and milestones.

We want every person in our church family to see and celebrate what God is doing.

12. *How can I help beyond giving?*

Pray. Serve. Encourage.

You can join serve teams, help prepare for the move, volunteer in communications, creative, or hospitality, and share the vision with others.

Every act of participation helps advance the mission and strengthens our gospel witness in San Clemente.

**"UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE, THOSE WHO BUILD IT
LABOR IN VAIN."
PSALM 127:1**



**BUILDING HOME
SERIES & RESPONSE
QUESTIONS:
LIFE OF DAVID**

Building Home

Life of David

Week 1: 1 Samuel 16:1–13 - Build with Humility

Week 2: 1 Samuel 17:31–50 - Build with Courage

Week 3: 2 Samuel 7:1–29 - Build for Eternity

Week 4: 1 Chronicles 29:1–20 - Build with Devotion

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Week 1: Build with Humility

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Theme: God builds greatness through humility, not visibility.

Gospel: Just as God chose the overlooked shepherd to lead His people, He sent Jesus—the greater Shepherd King—born in obscurity, anointed to rule through humility and grace.

Heart of the Passage: David's story begins in obscurity. While the world looks for strength, status, and strategy, God delights to build His kingdom through humility, dependence, and grace.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When was the last time you got humbled in a funny or unexpected way? (Think: sports, parenting, cooking, tech fails, etc.)
2. Why do you think God chose David - the youngest, least likely - instead of one of his older brothers? What does that reveal about God's priorities?
3. How do we discern the difference between “false humility,” which is still focused on self (self-deprecation), and true humility (God-dependence)?
4. Where do you see a lack of true humility undermining your trust in God right now?
5. How can Building Home be an exercise in humility for our church as a whole, and for each of us as members?
6. **Bonus Theology Question:** The anointing of David in 1 Samuel 16 marks a shift from Saul's kingdom to God's kingdom - from human strength to divine choice. How does David's anointing by the Spirit anticipate the anointing of Jesus, the true King empowered by the Spirit for His mission? See Isaiah 11:1–2; Luke 3:21–22; Acts 10:38.
7. Jesus was the ultimate “unlikely king.” What does His incarnation - being born in obscurity, working as a carpenter, riding a donkey - teach us about how God defines greatness?
8. David was anointed in secret; Jesus was crowned with thorns.
 - How does Jesus' humility - His willingness to serve and suffer - free us from striving for recognition or control and empower us to humility?

1 Samuel 17:31-50

WEEK 2 SERMON NOTES

Week 2: Build with Courage

1 Samuel 17:31-50

Theme: The courage to build comes from the God who already won the battle.

Gospel: David faced the giant with faith, but Jesus faced the greater enemy - sin, death, and the curse - and won the ultimate victory on our behalf.

Heart of the Passage: Courage isn't the absence of fear - it's the presence of faith. The real battle is believing that His power is enough. While others froze before the giant, David moved forward in confidence that God's power was sufficient.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's the most ridiculous or unusual fear you've ever had?
2. Why do you think Saul was so eager for David to wear his armor? What does that reveal about how Saul viewed courage and strength?
3. What kind of "armor" do people in our culture depend on to feel strong or safe? What "armors" are you tempted to depend on to make you feel safe - approval, control, security, image, etc.?
4. What "giants" tend to keep you from stepping forward in courageous faith? Get specific.
5. How can we distinguish between foolish risk and faithful courage?
6. As Union stands in this defining "faith moment" - stepping toward our permanent home - how can we display courage like David's? What might courageous faith look like for you personally during this season.
7. Jesus didn't just show courage - He gives us courage.
 - What does it mean that Jesus empowers us with courage?
 - Where do you most often forget or fail to believe this reality? (Think: parenting, vocation, finances, etc).
 - How can we take Jesus' courage into our hearts and actually walk in it?
8. **Bonus Theology Question:** In facing Goliath, David acts as Israel's representative warrior - he fights on behalf of the people, and his victory becomes theirs.
 - How does this scene foreshadow Jesus as our true representative and champion who defeats sin and death for His people? See Rom. 5:17-19; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:54-57.

2 Samuel 7:1-29

WEEK 3 SERMON NOTES

Week 3: Build for Eternity

2 Samuel 7:1-29

Theme: God's promises are bigger than our plans.

Gospel: God's promise to David of an everlasting kingdom is fulfilled in Jesus, the Son of David, whose throne and reign will never end.

Heart of the Passage: David wanted to build a house for God - but God wanted to build a house for David. The gospel always begins with receiving, not achieving.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could build anything that would last forever, what would it be - and why?
2. Why is God's promise to establish David's throne "forever" so significant (vv.12-13, 16)?
3. **Bonus Theology Question:** The Davidic Covenant is one of the major turning points in redemptive history.
 - How does this promise anticipate the coming of Christ? See Lk. 1:31-33; Acts 2:29-36.
4. Why do you think God said "no" to David's desire to build the temple? What was He teaching David - and us - about His ways?
5. How does David respond to God's answer (v.22)? How do you handle it when God says "not yet" or "no" to your good desire or request? What is God teaching us / doing in us when he answers in these ways?
6. In your life right now, where do you sense God inviting you to trust His timing rather than rush your plans?
7. What kind of "house" are you building with your life - one of comfort and control, or eternal significance?
8. How does the gospel free us from a preoccupation with our own name, recognition, honor, or legacy?
9. How can our giving, serving, praying, and participation in God's work now ripple into eternal impact for generations to come?

1 Chronicles 29:1-20

WEEK 4 SERMON NOTES

Week 4: Build with Devotion

1 Chronicles 29:1-20

Theme: Finishing strong means willing, joyful, wholehearted generosity and devotion to Jesus.

Gospel: David gave sacrificially for a temple he would never see, but Jesus gave Himself completely to make us the living temple of God. His generosity inspires and empowers our wholehearted devotion.

Heart of the Passage: David's final act as king wasn't conquest - it was generosity. He gave freely, joyfully, and wholeheartedly for a work he wouldn't live to see completed. That's what devotion looks like at the finish line.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Finish the sentence: "I know I'm really devoted to something when I ____."
2. Augustine said that sin is "disordered love" - love and devotion to good things, but in the wrong order. What do you think that means in practical terms? Why do you think God cares not only what we love, but how much and in what order we love it?
3. How do your loves tend to become disordered? What are some good things that can subtly become ultimate things in your heart?
4. Verse 9 says, "The people rejoiced because they had given willingly." What do you think makes giving joyful instead of dutiful?
5. How does this passage challenge our human tendency to "give out of leftovers" rather than first and best?
6. When you think about what makes you feel secure, what things come to mind first, and why?
7. How do we rightly discern the difference between wisely stewarding resources and depending on them for security?
8. How might finishing strong in this season of Building Home also mean reordering our hearts before God?
9. David gave gold and silver; Jesus gave Himself. How does Jesus' generosity fuel our own generosity and redefine what devotion looks like?
10. **Bonus Theology Question:** David gives sacrificially for a temple he will never see, yet his generosity sets the stage for God's glory to dwell among His people.
 - How does this anticipate Jesus, who gave Himself completely to make His people the living temple filled with God's Spirit? See Jn. 2:19-21; Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pt. 2:4-5.



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