

**BOOK OF 1 KINGS**  
**I PURPOSE TO BUILD**  
**1 KINGS 5:2-6**

We saw last week how that David's life had left its mark on Hiram, king of Tyre. Hiram sent servants to Solomon because of his love for David! We began to see the beginning of Solomon's response to Hiram as we last ended.

Solomon began by mentioning his father David and testified of why his Dad could not build a house unto the Lord because of the wars, but how that God had given Solomon and Israel rest and peace and left Him the task of fulfilling what the LORD first put upon David's heart to do.

Tonight let's begin by **looking back at the beginning of Solomon's message in verses 2-4** and then we'll pick up in *verses 5-6*.

**SO WE SEE HERE THAT KING SOLOMON CONTINUED HIS MESSAGE TO KING HIRAM. (5:5-6)**

The baton, so to speak, to build a Temple for the LORD had been passed from David to Solomon!

When I was growing up I was the skinny, sickly kid...the weakling, if you will. So when it came to competing in sports there wasn't much that I could do and I had to learn to live with being the last guy chosen on the playground teams. And if the teams were boys and girls there were even a couple of girls that would get chosen before me. Not good for my self-esteem for sure. Nevertheless, it was the way things were! So not being able to compete in sports you would think that I would hate sports, but that is not the case. I couldn't play them, but I still love to watch them. Go figure.

Some of my favorite times are when the Olympics role around every two years now. Summer Olympics or Winter Olympics, it doesn't really matter. Some of the events I like to watch the most are the relay races where it is less about the individual and more about the team!

Usually in the relay races there are at least four team members involved each running a leg of the event and the first three passing the baton off to the next team member at the end of their section of the race with the last man being in the anchor position to bring it home.

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If the team is going to be successful, they have to work as a team. They have to make sure to pass the baton off smoothly in their boundary zone, and not drop it.

It is not as easy as thing to do and I have seen teams that had four of the greatest runners lose because someone failed to pass the baton correctly or someone failed to grab hold of the baton correctly! One of the main keys to winning such a race is knowing how to pass that baton.

In our story here, we find that David had passed the baton (so to speak) to Solomon!

1. God put it on the heart of David to do it!
2. David did what he could short of building the Temple which the LORD would NOT allow him to do!
3. David passed the project off to Solomon to complete— including the plans and much of the materials that were needed

Here Solomon was ready to do his part! He was ready to build the Temple. Solomon said there in *verse 5, "I purpose to build a house unto the name of the Lord."*

There is a great truth here. What God had started in the heart of David, Solomon would now continue and finish the work!

The reason we still have the things of God in our time is because there were many before us (from the apostles down to those in our time) who have *"earnestly contended for the faith"* in their time!

There has always been a faithful remnant who have received *"the faith"* as it was once delivered! (i.e. The true Gospel and the fundamental doctrines of Jesus Christ and the Apostles!)

Many have been faithful to carry the baton of *"the faith"* during their leg of running the race while others have dropped the baton! What we need in our time is for us to be faithful to pass on *"the faith"!*

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If a Church is going to run a good race for Christ, it needs the help of all the members of the team! Also, we must stay in the boundaries of God's Word if we are going to run a good race! Any weights or hindrances in our lives must be removed if we are going to run well.

***Hebrews 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*

If we mess up and drop the baton, then we must pick it up and keep running till the race is over! Our race is over either when we go home to be with the LORD through death or when Jesus comes back for us!

The attitude of every Believer should be, "***I purpose to build.***" Every Believer should have spiritual goals and a spiritual purpose in their life. We should have a desire to build. The question is, "*Build what?*"

**I. WE ARE TO BUILD OUR LIVES UP IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

As we are build our lives up in the Lord Jesus Christ and share the Gospel, Christ builds His Church! (***Matthew 16:18***)

As we saw in Sunday School last Sunday morning  
**We Are To Walk In Christ The Same Way That We Came To Receive Christ!—By Grace Through Faith!**

***Colossians 2:6-7**—As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: **Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.***

The word "***built up***" describes a house built upon a solid foundation. The tense means "***continually being built up.***" Building our lives upon the foundation of Christ is like building a house on a rock. Jesus said that the wise man does this.

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***Matthew 7:24**—Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

In ***1 Corinthians 3:10-15***, Paul describes both a good way and a bad way to build your life. That chapter describes our service or lack of service to Christ and either having the right motives or the wrong motives for serving.

**So, how does one build a close relationship with the Lord and revolve their life around Him? Well, God's Word is certainly key!**

***Look at Ephesians 4:11-13!** The word "***perfecting***" there in **verse 12** means "***complete furnishing.***"*

Does that make you think of any other verses in the Scripture? How about ***2 Timothy 3:16-17** 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be **perfect, thoroughly furnished** unto all good works.*

The word "***perfect***" there in **verse 17** is translated from a word that means "***complete***". The words "***thoroughly furnished***" mean "***to finish out***" or "***to equip fully***".

***Look at Ephesians 5:25-27!***

The word "***sanctify***" means "***to make holy; to purify or consecrate.***" The word "***cleanse***" means "***to make clean.***"

How is that accomplished? "***...with the washing of water by the word.***"

***Acts 20:32**—And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to **the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.***

One effect of **building our life on the Lord** is described by Peter:

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*1 Peter 2:2-5—As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: [3] If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. [4] To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, [5] Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

The question is, **will you purpose to build your life on the Lord?**  
We are to build something else too...

II. **WE ARE TO BUILD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS!**

*Ephesians 2:19-22—Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; [20] And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; [21] In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; [22] In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

Believers have something in common. We have the same Saviour, the same foundation, and the same cornerstone. As the cornerstone was the most important part of the building, the standard, the guidepost, Jesus Christ is our cornerstone, our standard of right and wrong, our guidepost for direction!

In *Ephesians 2:21*, the building is us. We are fitly framed together. This phrase is formed from two words.  
• Harnos = a joint. • Lego = to pick out.

It means **“to render close-jointed together, i.e. organize compactly.”**

This word refers to **the careful joining of every component of a piece of furniture, wall, or building. It is not thrown together.**

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Like a jigsaw puzzle, every part is precisely cut to fit snugly, strongly, and beautifully with every other part. Bottom line: We need each other!

The shy need the outgoing as much as the outgoing need the shy!  
The young need the old as much as the old need the young!  
The poor need the rich and the rich need the poor!  
The weak need the strong and the strong need the weak!  
The loud need the quiet and the quiet need the loud!  
The discouraged need those that are positive and the positive need the discouraged.

We all are an important part of the puzzle! We are members one of another!

*Ephesians 4:25—Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.*

*Romans 12:5—So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*

What makes a for a good reunion, whether family or high school? Is it the food, the location, or the people? It's the people!

**Heaven will be very special, not only because of the Lord, but also the relationships we have made here with other believers, friends, and family. These relationships are to be nurtured now!**

**How are you at nurturing your relationship with the Lord and your fellow Believers?** We were not saved by the Lord to just go it alone! There are to be no loners in the cause of Christ!

*1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*

Oh how we need to keep our heart warm and tender both toward the Lord and toward our fellow Believers!