

Breakthrough

The Church Gaining Momentum

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¹ So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the Lord has commanded.” ² Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person **to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work.** ³ They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. **And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.** ⁴ So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing ⁵ and said to Moses, **“The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done.”** ⁶ Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: “No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.” **And so the people were restrained from bringing more,** ⁷ **because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.** Exodus 36:1-7, NIV

² In the desert **the whole community grumbled** against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, **“If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”** Exodus 16:2-3, NIV

²⁰ Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses’ presence, ²¹ **and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments.** Exodus 35:20-21, NIV

Momentum Fact #1: Before our _____ can begin, the Spirit’s gracious work on our _____ has to begin.

¹¹ The Lord said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. **Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.**’” Exodus 16:11-12, NIV

⁴ **There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.** ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given **for the common good.** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, NIV

Fact #2: God graciously _____ for us. We respond by giving generously of our _____.

¹ And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about **the grace that God has given** the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, **their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.** ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. ⁵ **And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.** 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, NIV

Fact #3: Where God gives us his grace in _____, there’s always _____ to do the work that God desires.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will rest in and respond to God’s abundant love and blessing. This is what shows God to be my God.

What’s your next step today?

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