**Introduction**

1. God ***Given Us*** Amazing ***Piece*** of Property = ***Still*** Marvel = ***Turn*** Corner = ***See*** Church = ***Nestled*** In Green ***Field***
   1. ***But*** Not ***Just*** ***See*** Property = ***See*** Amazing ***Opportunity*** = Our ***Church*** = Lighthouse ***At Center*** of Commun
   2. ***Some*** People ***May Ask*** W/ Spending **$$$** On Bldg = ***When*** People = ***Important*** Thing = ***Agree*** W/ That
   3. ***What*** Makes ***House*** A Home = ***People*** = But ***W/ Out*** House = ***Homeless*** = Bigger ***Family =*** Need ***Space***
2. ***As Think*** @ Opportunity & Challenge ***Before Us*** 🡺 Bible ***Gives Us*** Some ***Examples*** of Building ***Projects***
   1. ***One of*** 1st Things ***Lord*** Told ***Israelites*** To Do ***After*** Exodus = ***Capital*** Campaign For ***Building*** Project
   2. ***Tabernacle*** Designed ***To Be*** Portable ***Place*** of Worship = ***Until*** Settle ***Promised*** Land = ***Build*** Permanent
   3. Bible ***Spends*** Over 50 ***Chaps*** Describing ***Bldg Project =*** CC & Design & Construction—Use—Significance
3. ***Now*** 🡺 Obvious ***Differences*** Betw/ ***Building*** of Tabernacle 🡺 ***Our Project =*** Most ***Obvious…***
   1. Not Have ***Same*** Direct & Infallible ***Mandate*** From God 🡺 ***That*** Would Be ***Nice*** = In Anything ***In Life***
   2. ***But*** Have ***Sought*** God’s ***Will*** = Believe ***Given Us*** Land 🡺***Leading Us*** Invest ***In Future*** 🡺NEXT Generation
4. Can ***Glean*** Insights ***In Way*** God ***Works*** Thru ***His People***

**First, God Gives His People Vision (8-9)**

1. **(8-9)** God ***Gave*** His People = Vision of ***What*** Wanted ***To Do*** = Build ***Tabernacle*** = Center ***For*** ***Worship***
   1. At Center ***of Israel’s*** Life & Community = ***Worship*** = Even ***Wandering*** = Build ***Structure*** For Gathering
   2. God ***Gave*** Moses ***Vision*** For ***Project*** = Literal ***Detailed*** Blue Prints 🡪 ***List*** of What ***Required*** To Build
2. ***Tent*** Complex = ***How*** Much ***Cost*** To Build ***Replica*** ***of*** Tabernacle &Furnishings ***Today***? = Cost ***of Project***?
   1. Ex 38:24 = ***Used*** More ***Than*** 29 Talents ***Of Gold***—100 Talents ***of Silver*** = @ 2,000 lbs ***Gold***= 80 Ingots
   2. @ $1700 / Oz = ***Value*** of Gold ***Alone*** = Over $50 Million 🡪 ***Golden*** Lampstand = ***1 Talent*** = 1.7mil
   3. ***Difficult*** To Calculate ***Cost*** of Materials = **(3-7)** ***God*** Lists ***Very*** Specifically = ***Materials*** Needed
3. But ***My Point*** = Not ***Just*** Big ***Tent*** = Not ***Small*** Vision ***God*** Gave ***Israel*** 🡺 $60-100 Million Project!
   1. ***Question*** Should Be ***Niggling*** = “*How Could Bunch of Newly-Liberated Slaves Afford Vast Project*?”
   2. ***Where*** Get ***Resources*** Like ***That*** Wandering ***In Desert***? 🡺 Might Be ***Asking*** Selves ***Same*** Question…
   3. *“How can we launch into this kind of building project? 🡺 Where Will The Provision Come From?”*
   4. ***How*** Does ***God*** Do It? = Let’s ***Look*** Closer ***At God’s*** Provision = ***Bec***/ God’sPeople ***Contributed*** All ***Of*** ***It***

**Second, God Gives His People Provision (3-7)**

1. **(3)** ***God*** Tells ***Moses*** = All ***That*** He Will ***Receive*** = **(4-7)** ***List of*** Creative—Generous ***Assortment*** of Wealth
   1. Gold—Silver—Bronze 🡪 ***Fine*** Linens 🡪 Skins & Woods 🡪 ***Oil***—Spices & Incense 🡪 ***Precious*** Stones
   2. ***God*** Assuring ***Moses*** = People ***Will*** Give ***Everything*** Necessary = ***To Complete*** This Daunting ***Project***
   3. But ***Return*** To Question = “*How Could Bunch of Newly-Liberated Slaves Afford Vast Project*?”
2. ***Beautiful*** Story ***Of God’s*** Sovereignty= Bec/ ***God*** Already ***Provided*** All ***Necessary*** Resources! =***Already*** Did It
   1. The God ***Who*** Gave ***Moses*** Vision 🡺 Also ***Gave*** Provision 🡺 ***Way*** God Works = ***Gives*** What ***Need***
3. Step ***Back*** = Ex 3 = ***God*** Appeared ***To Moses*** In Burning Bush 🡺 ***Called*** = To Deliver ***His People*** From Slavery
   1. ***Before*** Moses ***Could Say*** Anything = ***God*** Made ***Series*** of Promises ***=*** ***Among*** Promises…
   2. Ex 3:21-22—“*I Will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for* ***silver*** *and* ***gold jewelry****, and for* ***clothing****. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians*.” 🡺 Exactly ***What*** God ***Did*** 🡺 Gave ***Favor*** = To Provide ***For His People =*** Building
   3. Ex 12:35-36—“*The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for* ***silver and gold jewelry and for clothing****. And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they* ***let them have what they asked****. Thus they* ***plundered*** *the Egyptians*”
   4. So God ***Gave*** His People ***What*** Needed ***To Accomplish*** His Plan 🡺 ***Provided*** = By Prospering ***His People***
4. Moses ***Could*** Say = Good News = God Has ***Provided*** Abundantly ***For Construction*** of Tabernacle
   1. Bad News = ***Still*** In Your Pockets 🡺 ***God*** Gave It ***To You*** Thru ***Plundering*** of Egypt = ***Asking*** Some ***Back***
5. ***This*** Important ***Truth*** = It Is ***Lord*** Who ***Prospers Us*** 🡺 It Is ***Thru*** God’s Favor = ***Acquire*** Resources ***of World***
   1. Deut 8:17-18—“***Beware*** *lest you say in your heart,* ***'My*** *power and the might of* ***my*** *hand have gotten* ***me*** *this wealth.' You shall remember* ***the LORD your God****, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth*
   2. ***He*** Gives ***Ability*** =Health—Intelligence—Opportunity 🡺 ***Everything*** Have = ***God*** Says ***Comes*** From Him
   3. Jer 9:23—“*Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches*” 🡺 Why? = ***These Are*** Gifts ***of God***!
   4. 1 Tim 6:17—“*As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their* ***hopes*** *on the* ***uncertainty of riches****, but on God, who* ***richly provides*** *us with everything* ***to enjoy****”=* Every***Good***
6. ***This*** Truth ***Driven*** Deep ***Into*** Every ***God-Exalting*** Heart = **Gratitude**! = ***It Is*** God ***Who*** Graciously ***Provides***
   1. ***Why*** God ***Allow*** Israelites To ***Plunder*** Egyptians? 🡺 ***Why*** Make ***Egyptians*** So Favorably ***Disposed*** ?
   2. ***Why*** Did ***He Want*** This ***Group*** of Ex-Slaves ***To Have*** So Much? =
   3. ***What*** Does God ***Want*** His People ***To Do*** W/ All ***That*** He Has ***Given*** Them?
   4. When ***We Are*** Blessed ***W/ Material*** Things? = ***What*** LORD ***Want Us*** To Do ?
7. ***Lord*** Certainly ***Wants*** To Provide ***For*** Needs & Enjoyment ***of His People*** 🡺 ***But*** = Bigger ***Plans***
8. ***Truth*** Embedded ***In Story*** = God Entrusts To His People All Resources ***Needed*** To Accomplish His Purposes
   1. ***Everything*** God ***Requires*** For Construction ***of Tabernacle*** **(4-7)** = ***Already*** Graciously ***Provided***
   2. God ***Literally*** Put ***Needed*** Resources = ***In Israelites*** Proverbial ***Pockets***
   3. So ***When*** Time ***Came*** 🡺 Call ***Was*** Made = ***God’s People*** Already ***Abundantly*** Blessed ***W/ All*** Necessary
9. God ***Could*** ***Send*** Gold & Silver ***Down*** From ***Heaven*** 🡺 Like ***Sent*** Manna = ***But*** Chooses ***To Bless*** His People
   1. But ***God*** Loves ***To Work*** In & Thru ***His People*** 🡺 To Make Us ***Channels*** of His Grace & Power & Blessing
10. So We Know = ***God*** Provided Everything We Need 🡺 ***Bad*** News = ***Still*** In Our ***Proverbial*** Pockets

**Finally, God Calls His People To Decision (2)**

1. ***So*** God ***Sovereignly*** Blessed ***His People*** W/ Material ***Wealth*** 🡺 Instructs ***Moses*** To Do = **Capital Campaign**
2. **(2)** God Says = ***Talk*** To My People = ***Ask*** Them ***To Contribute*** = To Building ***Project*** = They ***Will*** Give ***All*** 4-7
   1. ***Says*** = From ***Every*** Man—Woman = ***Whose*** Heart ***Moves*** Them = ***You Will*** Receive ***Contributions***
   2. ***God*** Gives ***His People*** Vision—Provision = ***Then*** Works ***In Our Hearts*** = Moves Us ***To Generosity***
   3. Ex 35:4-5, 21-22—“*This is the thing that the LORD has commanded*. *Take from among you a contribution to the LORD.* ***Whoever is of a generous heart****, let him bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze…And they came,* ***everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved*** *him, and brought the LORD's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting…So they came, both men and women.* ***All who were of a willing heart*** *brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the LORD.*”
3. That’s ***How*** It’s ***Done*** = Generous ***Hearts***—Stirred ***Hearts***—Moved ***Spirits***—Willing ***Hearts*** =Offering To God
4. This ***What*** Leadership ***of HPC*** Praying ***For*** 🡺 Not ***Interested*** In Manipulation 🡺 Arm-Twisting—Guilt
   1. ***Jesus*** Said = ***God*** Loves ***Cheerful*** Givers = ***What*** Text ***Describes*** = Stirred—Willing—Generous ***Hearts***
   2. ***Want*** You To Do ***What*** God Wants ***You*** To Do = ***What*** Moves & Enables ***You To Do*** Willingly & Joyfully
5. End ***of Story*** Stretches ***My Faith*** = Ex 36:3-5—“*They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, so that all the craftsmen…said to Moses, "The people bring* ***much more than enough*** *for doing the work that the LORD has commanded us to do*.” 🡪 God ***Inspired*** His People ***= So Much*** = Actually ***Had*** Too ***Much***
6. My Friends = ***Voted*** Together ***To Pursue*** God’s ***Vision***= Spend ***Next*** 3 Weeks 🡺 Asking For Spirit Stir Hearts
   1. God Has ***Given*** ***Us*** Land—Vision—Prospered Us = ***Believe*** Saying = ***Now*** Is Time = ***Ask*** God’s People
   2. ***Will You*** Ask God = ***What*** Do You Want Me To Do 🡺 ***How*** Want ***Me*** Sacrifice 🡺 ***What*** My Part?
   3. On Oct 30 🡺 As Part of Worship 🡺 Asking Each To ***Make*** 3 Year Pledge = ***Reflects*** God’s ***Stirring***
7. We Are Like Israelites = People Set Free By Grace Of God = Facing Great Opportunity = Exciting Vision
   1. Will Ask God ***To*** ***Stir*** Your Heart 🡺 ***Move*** Your Spirit 🡺 ***Make*** Willing 🡺 ***Prepare*** You To Give