

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

January 14, 2026

Exodus 35:10-29

Introduction:

1. After receiving instructions on how to build the tabernacle, Moses calls for Israel to begin the process of actually building it before they set out toward Canaan.
2. **Exodus 35:4-9:** Israel is called to give resources for the tabernacle project.
 - a) Their giving was to come from a “*willing heart*” (Ex. 35:5).
 - b) Like Israel, our giving is to be “*as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver*” (2 Cor. 9:7; cf. 1 Chr. 29:13,14).
3. Building the tabernacle requires people who are skilled.

I. THE INVITATION TO WORK

A. Breaking down the text.

1. The command: “*make all that the LORD has commanded*” (Ex. 35:10)
2. The condition: “*All who are gifted artisans*” (Ex. 35:10).
 - a) “Gifted artisans” (hakam leb): Having knowledge, skill, and aptitude in his heart. Internalized. (Ex. 36:1)
 - b) Where did this innate skill originate? (Ex. 28:3)
 - c) Who specifically were given this skill? (Ex. 31:6)
3. **Exodus 35:11-19:** The blueprints for the tabernacle. (cf. Ex. 25-27)

B. What skills have you been given?

1. The prophecy of Jeremiah provides an example of being gifted. (Jer. 1:5-7)
2. Every one of us has been given a gift. (Eph. 4:7,11; Rom. 12:3,4)
3. The purpose of our gifts. (1 Pet. 4:10,11)

II. ISRAEL RESPONDS TO THE INVITATION

A. Breaking down the text.

1. The departure: “*the children of Israel departed*” (Ex. 35:20). Why?
2. The determination: “*heart was stirred...spirit was willing*” (Ex. 35:21,22,29).
 - a) “Stirred” carries the idea of being lifted up. (cf. Heb. 10:24)
 - b) “Spirit” refers to the essence of your being. (cf. Matt. 22:37)
3. **Exodus 35:22-28:** The specific offerings which were given.

B. Building the tabernacle was a community project.

1. Rebuilding the temple exemplified community.
 - a) **Nehemiah 3:1-12:** People were working side by side.
 - b) Every member of the community worked together.
2. **1 Corinthians 12:27-31:** Members all working together.
3. **Ephesians 4:16:** “*the effective working by which every part does its share*”
 - a) The cause: Everyone contributing their own skill to work toward the goal.
 - b) The result: “*...causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*”