

## 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.”*