

**Big Idea:** Revolutionaries contribute to God’s mission as they help others in their own spiritual journey.

**Key Verse: 1 Chronicles 29:3-6**

*This is not just a place for people to meet each other, but a house for God to meet us. I've done my best to get everything together for building this house for my God, all the materials necessary: gold, silver, bronze, iron, lumber, precious and varicolored stones, and building stones—vast stockpiles. Furthermore, because my heart is in this, in addition to and beyond what I have gathered, I'm turning over my personal fortune of gold and silver for making this place of worship for my God: 3,000 talents (about 113 tons) of gold—all from Ophir, the best—and 7,000 talents (214 tons) of silver for covering the walls of the buildings, and for the gold and silver work by craftsmen and artisans.*

**The Scoop:** While David was king of Israel he was able to begin construction on the Temple, a building that was said to be “the place where God’s glory dwelt.” Its existence was more than just a church building. It was a symbol of God’s faithful presence in the life of the nation. David knew he wouldn’t get to see the building complete, yet he contributed much of his time, energy, and money to the Temple’s construction.

Jim Elliot and his wife Elisabeth were missionaries to Ecuador in the 1950s. They were ambitious enough to want to reach a very violent group of people. Jim once said, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot became the ultimate example when he and four others were killed by the very people they were trying to reach. But Elisabeth, rather than turning her back on her husband’s murderers, stayed in Ecuador and eventually saw the very men who had killed her husband Jim become Christ-followers.

Ultimately, God’s kingdom is bigger than us. God calls us to make our lives about contributing with our lives. He wants us to understand that nothing we do is more important than doing all we can to help people find their way back to Him. Contributing is about realizing that what we do today echoes in eternity. David’s willing financial support of the building of the Temple helped create a holy place for those who came after him. He knew he was investing in something bigger than himself and his lifetime. In the same way, the Elliots knew that their contribution was beyond themselves—that they would possibly never see the fruits of their labor but it was worth it anyway.

1. Why do you think God asks us to contribute to His mission?
2. What does it mean in our everyday lives to be people who contribute to the mission?
3. Why do you think David was willing to give all of his personal treasure toward the construction of a building?

**What’s Next? (take home for further processing)**

What could be bigger than helping people find their way back to God? This week, think about ways to make the ways you currently contribute revolutionary, or get started with revolutionary contributing. Journal about one thing you can do *this week* to move closer to God in your life and help someone else move closer to God in their life.

**Other Ways to Contribute:**

- Keep working on the 21 Day Challenge
- Check out a Big Idea Group (find one online) and
- **Take the Reveal Survey today.** Help us as a church get better at helping others (including you) find their way back to God. It’s critical.