

The sacredness of the ordinary

1 Kings 6-7 (2 Chronicles 3)

- I. **Grace** – God can use consequences of sin to honor Him (1 Kings 6:1; 2 Chronicles 3:1).
 - A. Solomon: God chose the son of Bathsheba (David's adultery) to build the temple (2 Samuel 12:24-25).
 - B. Mt. Moriah: The temple was built where God forgave David's sinful census (2 Chronicles 3:1).
 - C. Exodus: The temple was another milestone of God's grace to sinful people (1 Kings 6:1).
 - *Do I see God's grace in my past and present?*

- II. **Worship** – God deserves worship in the midst of our daily work (1 Kings 6:2, 10).
 - A. For the Lord – The temple was built for God (6:2).
 - B. Silence – Solomon required workers to prepare stone at the quarry to minimize the sounds of construction (6:7).
 - *How can I worship as I work?*

- III. **God's Word** – God wants to connect with us in the midst of our busyness (1 Kings 6:11-13).
 - A. If holiness – God's warning to obey (11, 12a)
 - B. Then fellowship – God urged Solomon to realize his fellowship with God affected all Israel (12b, 13).
 - *How do we keep connected to God when busy?*

- IV. **Excellence** – God is honored as we do our best (1 Kings 6:14, 38, 7:13-14; Ecclesiastes 9:10).
 - *Do I pursue excellence in my responsibilities?*