



“X” A New Season of Anointing: Barzillai Anointing of Generosity

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Scripture: 2 Samuel 17:27-29, 19:31-39; John 6:11; Matthew 26:26; Proverbs 18:16; Psalm 23, 100, 122

Sermon Overview: Wise Men come bearing gifts. Barzillai risked his life and livelihood to bring a gracious assortment of food to King David during a very low point in King David’s reign. Barzillai demonstrated radical hospitality & courageous generosity. King David was aware of Barzillai’s courageous generosity, and at the end of his life, King David told his son Solomon to return the blessing to Barzillai’s sons. Courageous generosity can be gifts as small as the two mites the widow gave to Jesus or as large as the gift Jesus gave us. There is joy and reward in giving. The Word says give and it shall be given unto you. Let us enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise as we seek to live a life of courageous generosity.

Sermon Series Question:

1. During this “X” series, what anointing of God was revealed to you that you are to step into or walk out?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. Every gift you give is a miracle to someone. How has someone else’s generosity been a miracle for you? How did that person’s courageous generosity point you to God’s love for you? How can you be courageously generous to someone else right now? What gift do you bring to the table? What do you have in your hands that could help someone else in a way that shows them how God loves them?
2. Psalm 23 is connected to 2 Samuel 17. Psalm 23 was written by King David in remembrance of the courageous generosity of Barzillai. Generosity can create powerful human connections. How have you witnessed generosity creating powerful connections between people? Ask the Lord to show you someone with whom he’d like to create a

connection. How might the Lord be asking you to extend generosity to that person and open a door of connection?

Digging Deeper:

1. Count your blessings: keep a gratitude journal and take inventory of your blessings. Who has set the table for you? How can you flip those blessings and set the table for others, especially the next generation?
2. Spend some time meditating on the different types of anointings that we have studied during this series: the anointings of Caleb, Elisha, Jeremiah, David, Joseph, Moses, Mary, Bezalel, Paul, Joshua, Barzillai, and Jesus. Is there a specific anointing that speaks to you? Ask the Lord for a greater anointing in that area. What is the next step that the Lord is placing on your heart to take?

Practical Application:

- Join a group or a ministry team, or become a mission partner!
- Get in community by joining a small group.