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## **MOSES: MORE THAN A MOVIE (6)**

### **ALL WHO ARE WILLING**

#### **Message Notes**

Text: Exodus 35:4-10; 20-35; 36:3

**Exodus 35:4**, Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the Lord has commanded: <sup>5</sup> from what you have, take an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering of gold, silver and bronze; <sup>6</sup> blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; <sup>7</sup> ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; <sup>8</sup> olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; <sup>9</sup> and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

<sup>10</sup> "All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded:

<sup>20</sup> Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses' presence, <sup>21</sup> and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. <sup>22</sup> All who were willing, men and women alike, came...

<sup>25</sup> Every skilled woman spun with her hands and brought what she had spun—blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen. <sup>26</sup> And all the women who were willing and had the skill spun the goat hair.

<sup>27</sup> The leaders brought onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. <sup>28</sup> They also brought spices and olive oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense. <sup>29</sup> All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord through Moses had commanded them to do.

<sup>30</sup> Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the Lord has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, <sup>31</sup> and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— <sup>32</sup> to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, <sup>33</sup> to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. <sup>34</sup> And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. <sup>35</sup> He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.

**Exodus 36:1**, So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the Lord has commanded."

<sup>2</sup> Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. <sup>3</sup> They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.

### **All who are willing**

Everyone who is willing

Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them

All who were willing, men and women alike

All the women who were willing

The leaders brought...

All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings

It's wonderful leading people who are ready, eager, and prepared to do something! Otherwise it's like herding cats: An idiom that refers to frustrating attempts to lead or organize people who are uncontrollable or chaotic!

1. God champions those who have a "can do" attitude

This entire passage of Scripture is cheering on those who contributed because they wanted to!

*"If you are **willing** and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land" ~ Isaiah 1:19*

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2. The unwilling are not mentioned

We read nothing in these verses of those who were not willing although the text infers that they existed!

Robert Frost, American poet, *"The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them"* ~ Robert Frost

Eleanor Roosevelt, *"Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility. For the person who is unwilling to grow up, the person who does not want to carry his own weight, this is a frightening prospect."*

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3. Moses doesn't try to get the unwilling to be willing

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*"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a **willing** spirit, to sustain me" ~ Psalm 51:12*

#### 4. The unwilling still benefit from the willing

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### **All who are skilled**

In the verses we've read in Exodus it mentions SEVEN times *"All who are skilled among you"*

God gives skill to those willing to use their abilities

**Knowledge** is the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject....

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*"We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds them up" (1 Cor. 8:1)*

Bezalel & Oholiab weren't just skilled themselves; they also had the ability to pass their skill on: they [had...the ability to teach others!](#)

**Abilities** are the qualities of being able to do something – learned and genetic

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**Skills** are your knowledge and abilities developed through training, experience & grace...

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When you're connected to God your skills can reach full potential:

He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills

He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work... all of them skilled workers and designers

Every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work

Every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work.

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At Bayside Church we are looking for all who are willing and those with skill – as well as those who would like to develop their skills. It's about using your time, your skills & your resources in serving God and this Christian community and beyond!