

1 Chronicles 28-29

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Today, churches are filled from one end of this country to the other, and literally probably around the world, with people who come to celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. I have never fully understood, all my life I have talked with people who actually claim that they cannot find God. I have had people tell me that they could not claim to be saved, but they could not develop any kind of relationship with God.

After many years in the ministry and dealing with people, I think unfortunately many people get an idea about God that is not really true. They put God in some kind of abstract box in their mind, or get some concept about Him in their mind that they can never find God or ever have a relationship with Him. There are people walking around today on this planet who actually think that they can never have any kind of relationship with God, that He is unapproachable, He is untouchable.

The truth is, when you put it in a Bible context, you do not find God; God finds you.

John 1:9

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

You really do not have to find God; God will find you. I understand where people come from, and I want to approach this today, Easter Sunday, with a message about finding God. We can talk about the resurrection today, and I can preach the standard Easter message all the way around the board, but what good is that if in your heart you cannot find Him? What is it to know all about that He died and was buried and resurrected, but if you cannot lay hands on Him?

I want to approach this from an aspect that if you were looking to find God, if you really want to find God, how is the best way to do it? I know that He will find you, but let us take the position for a moment that you really want to find Him. If a man was on that search for God and wanted to find God, I will tell you one simple way, one sure way, one absolute way that you could do it. It is a very simple rule that you follow in finding God. You just watch the patterns by which God operates in everything that He does. That is how God reveals Himself to us.

God follows a consistent pattern in everything that He does, and if you follow that pattern, once you see that pattern, if you follow that pattern, that pattern will lead you right back to God. The greatest attribute of God that forms the basis for the pattern of God is His consistency. God never changes. That is what makes the Bible such an invaluable book to us.

We live in a world that changes by the minute. We live in a world where the morals of 40 years ago are not the same morals that we have today. We live in a world where everything changes. You cannot even keep up with it. You go out and buy an iPad or an iPhone, and by the time you

get home, there is a new one out and yours is obsolete. Everything changes. We are victims in a world of change, and the problem is God never changes. That is what makes God and the Bible and a relationship with both so invaluable, because in a world that fluctuates up and down, left and right, inside and out, we have an absolute standard in God, in the Word of God, that never changes. The same values 500 years ago are the same values God has today. That is a pattern, and you find God through the pattern.

I. God's Revelation Through Patterns

In the world that we live in, there are four things that bring honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. Four things that display and reveal God's glory:

1. The creation itself. The Bible says the heavens declare the glory of God.
2. The Word of God, the Bible many of you are holding in your hands. It is God's revelation to man about Himself, and He reveals Himself and all His glory in it.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ. He showed up, and the Bible says that Christ was the visible appearance of an invisible God, and He was God manifested in the flesh, and He revealed God's glory.
4. You and me. When Christ gets in you, the hope of glory, when Christ saves you, then at that point, you and I, our life exists for one purpose, and that is to bring honor and glory to the Lord and let the world see it.

All four of those things—creation, the Word of God, Jesus Christ, and your life, my life—should follow a pattern. When people see that pattern, that pattern leads them right back to God. It is just that simple.

You see it in creation. In the scientific world, the \$25 word is cosmology. When you study the universe, there is one great thing about our solar system and our universe, if you spend any time studying it at all, or even reading about it, it is the fact that there is an order to it. If evolution was true, if evolution was true the way they say it was, then the universe would not be in any order at all. It would be in an absolute chaos. But God is a God of an established order. He is not the God of confusion. The universe follows a pattern.

In fact, scientists see the pattern of the universe so uniquely that they actually form laws based on its consistency. For something to form a law about it, that you say it is going to happen every time, it has to be a consistency. In the Bible, a pattern of God is a consistency. You look at the heavens, all those pictures that I took over there, where the heavens declare the glory of God, there is an order to that. It is not chaos. It is not random. It is an order to it. They see that order, and it brings up the scientists to develop laws. We have what we call the first and second law of thermodynamics. That is a law. It means that the universe runs by that law. The first one says matter can neither be created nor destroyed. The second one is the law of entropy, which says things left in a random state, they go down, they do not go up. That is a law based on a pattern that everybody sees.

How about the law of gravity? If you do not believe the law of gravity, go up on a roof. That is a law. It is based on science. They see it. They do not understand it. That is a law. There is a law of

natural motion. There are laws in physics. There are laws in the natural world around us. You see, there is a pattern to the universe.

Psalms 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

You see it when God created man. When God created man, He created man in His own image, after His own likeness. God used Himself as a pattern. So God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. So He made man. He gave man a body, soul, and spirit. He used Himself as the pattern. In fact, we can take it even farther than that. He used Himself as a pattern for everything in the universe.

You talk about time: past, present, and future. You want to talk about matter: source, generation, and position. We talk about you need to get a reality check. Well, reality is time, matter, and space. If you want to look at the earth, what do you have? You have the land, the air, and the sea. You do not have a fourth one. You look at the kingdom: animal, vegetable, and mineral. You listen to music: harmony, rhythm, and melody. You look at the family: father, mother, and a child. You look at the Bible: faith, fact, and feeling. You look at everything in this life: the Army, the Navy, and the Air Corps. Everything is a pattern of threes. You know why? Because God made everything after His pattern. Patterns are important in the Bible. Very important.

II. Patterns in Biblical History

You see it when God established the nation of Israel. All the way back in the Old Testament, when God called out the nation of Israel in Genesis 11, when He brought them out of Egypt, He established them according to a pattern: 12 tribes. 12 tribes with 12 natural boundaries on this earth. 12 tribes with 12 signs of the Zodiac. 12 tribes with 12 months in a year. When you get to the New Jerusalem, it is 12 manners of fruit on the tree of life. There are 12 levels. There are 12 gates. There are 12 apostles. That is a pattern in the Bible.

When He called them out, what did He do? The first thing He did was give them the 10 Commandments. The 10 Commandments were a pattern for how they were supposed to live. Once He gave them the pattern, He said, "Alright, now I want you to build a tabernacle." That

tabernacle was the center of everything that they had in a relationship with God. It is a type of Christ in the Bible.

Turn over to Hebrews 8. That tabernacle was set up after a pattern. Everything is a pattern. If you want to find God, follow the pattern because God reveals Himself through patterns. You are going to find it all through the Bible.

Hebrews 8:5

Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Hebrews 9:23

It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

You see, God uses the pattern. He uses the pattern in everything that He does. God gave Moses that pattern on Mount Sinai. Then Moses took that pattern and he did exactly what God told him to do with it. That is not all. We know from the tabernacle that tabernacle had some furniture in it. When you go to Joshua 22:28, it talks about the altar. It says in verse 28 that he was to make that altar after the pattern that God gave him about the altar.

That tabernacle had a golden candlestick, a seven-prong candlestick. It is called a menorah. They named a hospital after it, Light Healing.

Numbers 8:4

And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, and unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so made he the candlestick.

That candlestick is a type of it. When you get into the millennium, when Christ comes back and establishes a thousand-year reign, when you read Ezekiel 43:10, that whole thing over there, when He does it, it says in verse 10, it is by a pattern.

New Year's Eve, what did I do on New Year's Eve? I walked you through, took me almost five hours to do it. We started in Genesis and came through Revelation, and I told you the whole story of the Bible. I put every event with every character in it. I laid everything out right down the line and showed you every event the way it works from Genesis to Revelation. But what I really did was just take the Bible in a four or five-hour setting, and I laid out the pattern of what God was, what God is, and what God is going to do. Just a pattern. It is just a pattern.

When John wrote the book of Revelation, he is told to write in three tenses. God told him to write what has been, what is, and what shall be. See, three. There is your pattern. Everything goes by a pattern.

We are saved. We are Christians. You take our lives after we get saved. What should our lives be after we are saved? The lowest common denominator? It should be a pattern. It should be a pattern.

1 Timothy 1:16

Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

That verse says that when we get saved, your life should be a pattern to other people so they want to get saved. They have to see the pattern in your life. We talk about it all the time. The greatest aspect of God is consistency. The greatest aspect of God's people is inconsistency. When you are consistent in what you do in your life, just like God was consistent in what He did in His life in the Word of God, it sets up a pattern. People see that pattern in your life, and then they follow that pattern right back to God. That is how it works.

You want to find God? Just get around some people who have the right pattern. Get around a church that has the right pattern.

Titus 2:7-8

In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

You see how that thing fits? We have been talking a lot about long term and short term. We have been talking about never making a decision based on the short term. Always look at the long term. Realize that the short term is temporary. The long term is probably more of a sure bet and positive. You know why? Because it gives the pattern a time to develop. You are going to be able to find that there are two patterns that develop as we go through our own lives and people's lives.

1 Timothy 1:16, that is a pattern to get people saved. Titus 2:7, that is you reaching people through the pattern of good works. What you do, when we go down to restart, when you disciple somebody, when we do operation turnaround, when all of the things that God gives us in our volleyball, in our softball, whatever we do, it is a pattern of good works that people see, and it leads them right back to God. If you really want to find God, just follow the pattern. Pattern of good works, pattern of sound speech.

I love what he says in verse 8, "sound speech that cannot be condemned, for he that is of contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." That is the beauty of it. When you have a pattern of good works and a pattern of sound speech, people may not like you. They may even say things against you, but at the end of the day, they have not got a leg to stand on. You know why? Because the pattern of good works and the pattern of sound speech carries it through.

I am the most documented man on the planet. You can go back and find in the last 30, 40 years of my life, there are probably a thousand sermons, 10,000 Bible studies where every question was

asked, I preached on every subject there was, and I guarantee you if it was just a tape and not a thing where I had hair and I looked a lot younger, you could not tell when I preached it. You know why? Because you have to have a pattern of sound speech. That is what is missing today. I have the biggest mess as anybody else, and I have my problems like anybody else, but that is one problem I do not have. I preached the same today as the day I got saved. Everything has been the same.

Somebody says, "Bob changed." No, not at all. I am on the record. You know who changed? You changed. You used to like that kind of preaching. You used to like that kind of stuff. Now you have got something between you and God, and you do not like it, but it cannot be you. It has to be me. I am on the record. I preached this as hard back then. In fact, I probably preached harder back then. I have mellowed in my old age. My pacemaker, six of them. I do not want to bear them out. It hurts changing them batteries.

People come to Christ when you have a consistency in your life, when they see a pattern in your life, a pattern of good works and a pattern of sound speech. That is why the Bible says sound speech cannot be condemned. You may not like the person. You may hate the person, but when it comes to the book, if that is what the book says, you have nowhere to go. That is the beauty of it. But it is a pattern. Everything God is and He does, He makes through a pattern. You want to find God? Do you really? Learn the pattern. Follow it right back to God. You want a relationship with God? It is easy. Get His pattern down and get in line with that pattern.

We have a thing here when a person gets saved called discipleship. Discipleship is based on the word discipline. It helps discipline you to what God teaches and what the Word of God says. What we are doing with you in that basic fundamental mode is developing a pattern in your life. A pattern that you know what God thinks about this and what this situation is, that is what it is for. It is a pattern. It is a pattern.

You want to be successful in your Christian life? It is real simple. Look for people who have the right patterns in their life and hook up with them. You want to not be successful in your Christian life? Just find the people who do not have the right patterns in their life and hook up with them. It is so easy. We like to make things complicated. We all do. If you do not believe that, what do you have to try to do? Your own taxes. You realize that the tax code in America is 127 times larger than the Bible? We do everything in life to make it complicated. God does everything in life to make it uncomplicated.

The greatest verse in the Bible about salvation: "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." All one-syllable words, and it tells you right now, sitting here this morning, you either have Him or you do not. You want to be successful? Find the people who have the right patterns in their life, be their best buddy. You want to be unsuccessful in your Christian life? Find the ones who have no pattern in their life, be their buddy. It does not get any simpler than that. A lady said one time, "I do not fit in your church anymore." You have got the wrong pattern. You have got the wrong pattern.

III. Patterns of Human Nature

You have heard me say it before, and it is true: there are patterns of human nature. When I teach you how to work with people and help people through their struggles in life, it is to your advantage to learn the patterns of human nature. It takes a little time to learn it, but I would say probably, and I am just shooting off the top of my head here, I would say there are probably about 20, maybe 25 different patterns of human nature. When you watch them in time, you learn them, you catalog them, then you know what you look for.

If you were the FBI, we would call you an FBI profiler. An FBI profiler looks at a case, looks at a circumstance, and then builds a profile of that person based on what that person did. So they will have profiles for serial killers. You know what a serial killer is? Some kid that was deprived of frosted flakes when he grew up and he turned into a serial killer. They put a pattern. They will say, "This guy is a serial killer," or "This person is this," or "This person is a pedophile," or "This person is that." How do you make that? We watch the pattern of their profile. We build a profile. In an FBI, they call it an FBI profiler. In the Bible, we call it patterns. Same thing. The exact same thing.

We talk about profiling terrorists at the airport, and everybody is upset about that. Let somebody go through with a hood on and a mask on and a robe on and let them go, but you have an 86-year-old grandmother here in a wheelchair. They search-strip her. "Yeah, she has got a bomb in that wheelchair." You know why we do that? People do not like to be profiled. If you have got nothing to be afraid of, what are you worried about? "I do not want my privacy invaded. I do not want this, or I do not want that." Would you rather get on a plane, have a blow up, and then you have your privacy all the way down 25,000 feet? We will put you in a special suit, in a seat, so that when you fall, you are all by yourself. We profile people all the time. That is how we stop crime.

In time, when you start to work with people, you learn the patterns. A man says, "I am saved." Okay? Look for the pattern. Look for the pattern that has to go along with that statement. You either see it or you do not.

Marital problems. I had a golf ball in my cheek to keep my teeth straight, and I just swallowed it, so I am in trouble. Marital problems will fall into two or three or four different patterns. They will fall into the same kind of patterns. You learn the patterns. You know how to deal with it. I will give you a real easy one. Everybody has seen this one. This is a real easy one. Ever see a situation where the wife runs the home? She is the boss. She wears the pants. I do not know how many times a husband has told me, "Oh, I run my home. My wife always gives me the last word. She says, 'Shut up,' and I say, 'Yes, dear.'" I understand that. I have been there. No, it was my first wife. My first wife died at birth. Am I getting out of that any way you think I am?

Anyway, but we have all seen it. You get a woman who runs the house, boy, she wears the pants. It is a pattern that you see when you deal with marital problems. The guy, he may want to do what is right, he may, but she is not going to let him. It always becomes an issue. It always becomes a problem. The woman will run everything. Those kind of people, they never work in a good church anyhow. I have seen churches where it was not good, when a woman works her way

in, she runs everything. She gets a little power base in from that, boy, she will crack the whip, and you better look out.

When you understand the pattern, you never let situations like that happen. You never let a woman like that get in control, because it always ends bad. Because her basic fundamental problem is pattern, authority. It follows a pattern. If she has a problem with her husband's authority in her life, do you think she is not going to have a problem with my authority in her life? If she is saved, who is living inside her? It is Christ, male or female? Male. I guarantee you, the pattern is, when she is unreceptive to her husband's authority, she is going to be unreceptive to the pastor's authority. The reason why she has a spiritual problem is because there is a man living inside her, and she will not submit to it. She has an authority problem. That is a pattern. It is a pattern.

I know Barb Christie thinks I am the smartest man in the world. That is not true. Well, it is kind of true. I just know patterns. I used to work for the FBI. I am a profiler. You watch, you learn them. You learn them. Sin follows a simple pattern, about eight or nine of them. But I will show you another easy one to see. You see the pattern, because you can all identify. Everybody that I just talked about, the bossy woman pushing her husband around, everybody can identify that. We have all seen this at some point in life. They all have problems with authority. When they get into a church, and they want to run this, they want to run that, and a man stands up and says, "Pastor, no, you cannot do that." They are gone. They are gone. It will be problems all their life.

It kind of reminded me of that lady on Walking Dead with a sword. What is her name? Michonne. She is carrying around a zombie on a leash behind her back. She had a lot of families like that. But before she puts a collar around his neck, she makes sure he cannot talk to her, so she cuts his mouth out and cuts his arms off. That is a pattern. So if your wife comes home with a samurai sword tomorrow, do not you blame it on me. I told you right now what to look for.

Sin follows a simple pattern. I call this the older brother syndrome. Many times you will have a family with multiple kids in it. You have an older child, a middle child, and a younger child. The parents will not do what they need to do. They will not follow the line with it. When you see that, you know what is going to be a pattern. First you lose the older child. In time, you lose the second child. In time, you lose the third child. The older one will always kill the younger ones. I am not proud of what I am about to tell you, but you men will know what I am talking about. Every filthy, vile thing I ever learned as a young kid growing up, every filthy concept, every filthy thing I ever heard or got, I got it from an older kid. That is a pattern. That is a pattern. That is a guaranteed process.

You see it in America. America is a pattern for disaster. They cannot get nothing done in Congress. They cannot get nothing done in the Senate. They cannot get nothing done on the state levels. They cannot get done nowhere. It is a pattern of disaster. All you have to do is follow that pattern. When you understand the patterns and then you develop the ability to see these patterns, that is what makes you good in really working with people.

I talk about never losing control, always staying ahead, always simply knowing what to do or what is going to happen before you do it. It does not mean you are clairvoyant and can look into

the future, but the patterns will tell you where something is going. It is the ability to know before it gets there where it is going to wind up because patterns are consistent. It does not matter if they are good patterns or bad patterns. Patterns will always be consistent. You want to find God, find the right pattern that will lead you back consistently to where God is. It is just that simple. It does not get any easier than that.

I have had situations where I have tried to help people, but they come to a point where I just say, "You know what, I am not going to go there with you. If you want to go do that, you go ahead and do it." You know why I say that? Because I know the pattern they are in, I know where it is going to wind up. It is a sure thing. You try to tell them what to do and what not to do. You try to show them all the ramifications, but no, no, no. When they fall into a certain pattern, they are going to do it. Why am I going to waste my time when I already know it is not going to work? That is a pattern. You have to learn those things. God always follows a pattern. You stay within that pattern. He does everything by a pattern.

IV. The Pattern of Building God's House

Now, that was my introduction. The message is shorter than the introduction. Turn over to 1 Chronicles 28 and 29. You want to find God Easter Sunday? I will show you how to do it. I do not know what you know about the Bible, but you want to bear this in mind. 1 Chronicles 28 and 1 Chronicles 29. This is something, the greatest material a father can ever give his children. In these two chapters, we have David, King of Israel, talking to his son Solomon. He is giving him the greatest advice on the greatest thing that Solomon had to do. It is also the greatest thing your children will have to do: building God's house. I do not know of any place else in the Bible where you could go that has better advice than this. These two chapters have David giving his son Solomon great advice on building God's house.

David was not allowed to build the temple, the house of God. So Solomon built it. The reason David was not allowed to build it is because David, falling in the pattern of God, David was a man of war. What he did when he went in and became king is he wiped all the enemies that were left, the Jebusites, the Danites, those tribes that did not get wiped out when they went in with Joshua. His job, the Philistines, his job was to kill the rest and wipe out the rest of those nations. Because he is a man of war, God did not allow him to build the temple because when they built the temple, that temple is a picture of the millennial reign of Christ. So you have David as a type of Christ at the second coming, wiping out the enemies. Then you have Solomon, his son, building the temple, and his reign of 40 years, there is no war, rest. See how the thing works? So David was not allowed to build it. Solomon was allowed to build it.

In these two chapters, which are tremendous chapters, David takes the time to lay out to his son. I want you to see, it is quite a great thing. We talk about patterns. Here it comes. You want to find God? It is a great pattern, but then you have to have a pattern in your own life, and that is what I am going to give you. This is David talking to his son. It is God talking to us as His sons. So you want to pay attention.

When he built the temple, 1 Kings 6:37-38, it says it took seven years to build that temple, seven years in building it. I have always thought that was instructive. I really do because I think that that is a pattern in the Bible. When you have a King James Bible there in your hand, you know that King James put the proclamation out in 1603, and it was finished in 1611? That is seven years, seven years. I know what number seven means in the Bible. It is a number of perfection. I understand that. But seven is a pattern in the Bible. It is a pattern in the Bible.

When I see it took seven years to build the temple of God and the house of God, and I know what that thing represents, we will talk about it in a moment. I know that that is probably a good pattern. If you give me a young man or a young lady and you say to me, "I really want to be online for God. I want to do everything God wants me to do. I want to learn everything I can. I want to be ready to go." It will probably take about seven years to get you online. That does not mean you cannot do a lot of things and grow in the process. But it is going to take some time to get you up to the speed where you can really hit the ball and run with it. It is about seven years. I have seen that work many, many years over the years in my ministry. It is about seven years. That is a pattern.

We have set this year aside to move to the next level and are dealing with families and ministering together, and in the aspect of fathers and moms and dads building your house. Here you have two chapters that you want to get down in your Bible, the pattern, the building God's house. There are three aspects to it in a practical application.

5. The first aspect of building your house will be you personally, your personal body, temple of the Holy Ghost, building your house, your body for God.
6. The second one will be your family, your household, building that house.
7. The third one will be for me and you building this house, the house of God.

So there are three aspects I want you to keep in the back of your mind. As we go through these two chapters and look at some of this stuff and you see God's pattern, we want to keep that in your mind. We are talking about one, you building God's house, which is you. Two, talking about you, young couples, moms and dads, building your house, your family. And then three, we want to talk about us together building God's house, this church.

Successfulness in building a church is no harder than successful building a Christian life. All you go back and do is find the pattern of God, and God will give them to you. It is just like He gave them to Moses on the mountain, and you build it according to the pattern. A pattern in building you, a pattern in building your home, and a pattern in building a church.

Look at 1 Chronicles 28. Pick it up in verse 11. We are talking about David giving Solomon the instructions of building God's house. We know how that fits now.

1 Chronicles 28:11-12

Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat,

And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, and of all the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:

1 Chronicles 28:13-18

Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD.

Of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:

Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

And by weight for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups of pure gold; and for the golden basons he gave gold by weight for every bason; and likewise silver by weight for every bason of silver:

And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

See, there is a pattern to that. God gave them a pattern to build this house.

1 Chronicles 28:19-20

All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.

And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

That is a great verse. It shows you the understanding that David had a relationship with God, and through that relationship, God gave him the understanding of the pattern to build that house, and then he passed it on to his son. Tremendous stuff. God will build your house, you. God will build your house, your family. God will build our church, His house, but He will do it by a pattern. He will do it by a pattern.

Look at 1 Chronicles 29:1-2. I will throw this in. I just saw this, I will just throw this in, no fee, no extra fee. Like the guy says when you buy something off the television, "Wait, there is more," and here it comes.

1 Chronicles 29:1-2

Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

The first thing I want you fathers to see, and you mothers can look at it too, but verse 2, the first thing I want you to see, you fathers, is this: This is the father preparing with all of his might some things for his son to finish the job that God called him to do. As a father, you ought to be preparing your kids with all of your might, with all of your might, because God started something in you that when you are gone, your kids are going to carry it on or should carry it on, and the thing that they are going to see that is going to help them carry it on and not carry on is the pattern they see in your life. So he says there, "God hath chosen yet his young," and "I have prepared," verse 2, "with all my might for the house of my God," for his son. He prepared some things.

Then I want you to see this. When you build this house, you need to understand this, 1 Chronicles 29:1-2, the things that you bring in here, it is God's house. It is not your house. You do not bring in what you want to bring in. This palace here is not for man but for the Lord God. Your body is not for you to do what you want to do with it. It is the Lord God's, not for man. Then he says verse 2, the things that he brings in, the things of gold, they all represent something in the Bible. We do not have time to go through them this morning, the things of gold, the things of silver, the things of brass, the things of wood, the things of iron, the onyx stone, the glistening stone. Then he says all manner of precious stone. They all mean something in the Bible.

Here is my point. Note, in God's house, he does not mention anything about booze, no drugs, no smoke from marijuana, cigarettes, no meth, no wrong music, not even yourself. This place is for Him, it is His palace, and it is not yours.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

You see the two patterns developing. He is talking about giving instructions to his son about building God's house. Now I go back, that is your personal body as God's temple. But it is also your family as the house that God has given you, it is also this church. Your responsibility as an individual and your responsibility as a father is the same as my responsibility as a pastor: to make sure the right thing gets put in the house and the wrong things do not get in. I would like for some of God's people to explain themselves in light of what I just said. I would love to hear it.

V. Nine Parts of the Pattern for Finding God

Now, 1 Chronicles 28:9-10, Finding God. I just wanted to give you that to show you how that thing is for God and for us, and the things you put in that house and the things you do not put in it. Here are two of the greatest verses God ever gave me as His son, and it is simply two of the greatest verses you will ever give to your son or your daughter on building God's house. David's charge to Solomon. Every Christian ought to have this marked in your Bible if you do not.

1 Chronicles 28:9-10

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

Let us pray. Father, we thank you for this great verse. And Lord, what a charge and a challenge this is. What a great concept this is to put in our own individual lives, and yet for fathers and moms to instill in their children's lives, and then to us as Christians and me as a pastor to build in this house, the house of God. Help us today. Help us to find God if we are looking for Him. Help us to understand better that God is a pattern. If we want to get to God, we have got to get the right pattern. We will thank you and praise you in Jesus' name for His sake, we ask it. Amen.

When you break these two verses down, you have the pattern that he talks about in verse 11, 12, and 19. You want to build your house for God? You want to make a... it is going to have to be a pattern. God does everything by patterns. You want to get in the right framework and the right frame of mind with your own Christian life and do what God can get to, find the people that have the right pattern. They are who you hang out with. If you see the wrong pattern, stay away from it. It is just that simple. You are going to come down through here. There are nine parts to this pattern, nine. We are going to break it down for you.

Let me take it one step further of understanding about historically the building of this temple. I think this will help you put it all into context. In the Old Testament, God built His whole religious system around the nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem. This is why Jerusalem to this day is the battleground and has been all down through history. Jerusalem has been the key spot with the nation of Israel, and it becomes the key spot today of the people because they see the significance of the city of Jerusalem. God called His people, and David made Jerusalem His capital. Then he builds the tabernacle, and then he builds the temple.

If you know anything about the Bible at all, we could jump a little farther ahead when Solomon got on the throne. We have the great story about the Queen of Sheba. Remember her from Africa? She came all the way up from Africa to look and see all of the glory of God that was in Jerusalem and in that temple and in the house of God. She stands there and she says, "I do not even know what to say." She says that half of what I have been told is not the truth. This is the most amazing thing. She saw God's glory in God's literal temple in Jerusalem. In the Old Testament, the whole world, everybody in it, came to Jerusalem to a fixed building that was

called the house of God, which was called the temple of God, and that is where they saw the glory of God. That is the Old Testament. So when David is telling Solomon, "You are going to build this house," he is talking about a fixed temple and a fixed building that all the world is going to come and see. But then it is a picture of building your body.

In the New Testament, it does not work that way. In the New Testament, God does not dwell in buildings made with hands, does He? When you got saved, He lives inside you. The Bible says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" You see how the difference is? In the Old Testament, all the world came to the temple. In the New Testament, you and me take our temple to the world, and we show the world the glory of God through our sound speech and our pattern of sound speech and our pattern of good works, and it leads them right back to God. When the Queen of Sheba came and saw all that Solomon did, she was overwhelmed what God had done in Jerusalem. When you take your temple to people and they see what you used to be and what you are now and they see the pattern in your life, it leads them to salvation and it leads them right back to God. That is how it works. That is what this story is all about in a practical sense. We accomplish this by following the pattern and putting the right things in our house, your body, your family, and our church.

Now let us break it down, the greatest advice that a father could ever give his children, getting the process for the right pattern down, nine things. Happy Easter, by the way, and see you at Christmas. Here we go.

8. And thou, Solomon, my son. I want you to put your own name in there. You can put Bill in there. You can put Kevin in there, put Bob in there, put Gabe in there, put Will in there. You put Ryan in there. You can put Eve in there. Whatever name you want, this is to you. In my Bible, I have Solomon there, and I have my name scratched on top of it so I know inspiration. He is talking to me.
9. Know now the God of thy fathers. There are two parts to this. The first thing he says is to know God. I do not know if you know what the definitive verse in the Bible is on knowing God, but it is found in the book of Philippians. Philippians 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; Being made conformable unto His death is where we need to be in our Christian life. When you get to the point in your life that you are really cooking on all eight cylinders with God, you have come to the point where you have been made conformable unto His death. Everything about you is gone. Everything about Him is in you.

Knowing Him comes in two aspects. The first one is the power of His resurrection. That is what we are talking about today at Easter. Easter is being celebrated across the world, not that He just died on the cross, but He resurrected the third day. Now we talk about, we can be saved. We can have eternal life. Why? Because of the power of His resurrection. After you get saved, now you have the power through the Holy Spirit of God to overcome everything in your life. Be whatever God wants you to be. Everybody wants the power of God.

But the second aspect of knowing God is the fellowship of His sufferings. There are

some things you are going to have to go through for God. There are some things that you are going to have to go through for God to get to know God. You know why that is? Because on Easter, on the cross of Calvary, for you and I to have a relationship with Him, He had to go through some things on that cross to have a relationship with me, for Him to know me and want me. Now we have to go through some things after we are saved to really get to know Him. You have to pay a price.

As God's people, who does not want the power of God? Everybody does. Leap tall buildings with a single bound, fly faster than a speeding bullet. Who does not want the power of God? Everybody wants the power of God as a Christian. Nobody wants the fellowship of His suffering with God. You cannot have the power of God without the fellowship of His suffering. Without both of those, you never get made conformable unto His death. So He says the first thing to His young son, "You get to know God, Solomon." When you know God, you will be like God. But if you want to know God, you have got to know what He is really like. You have got to know His power, and you have got to know His suffering.

The second part of that, "Know God." He says, "thou know the God of thy fathers." It is important to know God, but it is also important to know the right God. In our own culture today, there are probably 10,000 different gods out there. Everybody believes in God, some kind of God. If you have an alcohol problem, I think Alcoholics Anonymous is a good deal. I think Narcotics Anonymous is a good deal. I think they do a lot of good. I am not fighting it at all. Do not misunderstand me. But years ago, when he first came up with that, when he got into that, it was built on God.

When you go take AA or NA and you get into that section of it, they will tell you that you get guided by or you look to or you trust in your higher power. Well, that could be your dog. That can be anything you want it to be. That is exactly what it becomes. I took an AA and NA one time just to go through it so I would understand what it was like. Everybody gets up at that thing and said, "Hi, my name is Joe, and I am an alcoholic, and I want you to know that I am good." They asked me to say something. I said, "Hey, my name is Bob. I am not an alcoholic, but I am really glad to be here." I told them why I was here. They were glad. They wanted me to come through the thing. But I watched it, and I watched those guys. When they got down to the point where you pray or you hold on to your higher power, they did that because they did not want to bring just God into it. You give human nature that option, and there are a thousand gods that come into that thing.

You want to talk about evolution? It was a big debate a while back in Kansas about evolution. You get into that debate in Kansas, and you will find that the Christians were up against the state. The Christians wanted creation to be taught, and they did not want it, and they got into big debates. So the Christians compromised. They came up with, "Well," and everybody said, "Well, I like that. That will work." Instead of talking about "In the beginning God created," they came up with this vague concept that the universe is here by intelligent design. Well, that could be anything on this planet. That could be anything, intelligent design. Whatever happened that "In the beginning God," and if they do not like it, that is tough. It was God. No, no, no. We cannot have God. We have to have intelligent design. Well, that could be the guy who made your jeans. That is an intelligent design. It could be Gucci or one of those other great guys that build things.

Go out and talk to the Mormons. Go out to a Jehovah Witness. Talk to the Seventh Day Adventists. Talk to a charismatic. They all believe in God, but I guarantee you it is not the same God you believe or the God of that Bible. There are a thousand gods out there. So yes, you need to know God, but you need to know the God of your fathers. You need to know the God of the Bible. That is the one you need to know. That is the right God.

People say, "Well, I am an atheist. I do not believe in God." In 45 years of dealing with people, I have never found a true atheist, because an atheist is someone who says he does not believe in God, he just does not believe in my God. I asked an atheist one time, I said, he said, "I do not believe in God." I said, "Well, what are you counting on to get you through?" He says, "Myself." There is your God. Everybody has got a God. Whatever you are counting on to get you through is what your God is. Maybe it is the money in the bank. Maybe it is this, maybe it is that, maybe it is your friends, maybe it is your, maybe it is yourself, maybe it is your education. Whatever you are counting on when push comes to shove that you are going to turn to is what your God is. It is just not my God.

I saw on a paper last week where they, they have a dial-a-prayer number. You can dial a number and get a prayer for today. The atheist wanted to trump that, so they came up with one. The Christians got one, dial a prayer, you dial the number, you get a prayer. The atheists got one, you dial a number, and nobody ever answers. You need to know God. You need to know the right God.

10. Serve him with a perfect heart. That is what God saved you for. The idea, I do not know where it got started. Well, I do. We are going to talk about it next week. How a Christian can be saved and have absolutely no desire to serve God, I have no idea. You are saved to serve. 1 Chronicles 28:20 told you that you stay with it till "thou hast finished all the work of the service of the house of the Lord." Yet some of God's people quit. They will get their nose bent out of joint about something, and they will quit. They will get burned out about something, and they will quit. They will get upset about this, and they will quit. Some of God's people have never finished anything in their life for God that they ever started. That is a pattern, by the way.

Serve Him with a right heart. That is a perfect heart. That is not perfect in sinless perfection because that will never happen in this life. But it is perfect, perfected, your heart perfected for the work of the ministry. It is like Ephesians 4:12, that He gave some apostles and He gave some pastors and teachers for the work of the ministry, for the perfecting of the saints. Getting your life and my life perfected to the place for the ministry. That is what he is talking about. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. There is your perfect heart, perfect in your work for the Lord based on your attitude of heart toward God. See, that is a pattern. Titus 2:7, that is a pattern of good works that people see along with a pattern of sound speech. The question is this: Does what you say you believe about God, sound speech, does it line up with what you do for God, pattern of good works? There it is. You have to have them both. You cannot have a pattern of sound speech and then not have a pattern of good works or vice-versa.

11. And a willing mind. Notice how this all goes back to what we have been talking about in 2 Corinthians 8:9-10, the heart of the minister, the mind of the minister. It is a pattern. He said that church at Corinth in 2 Corinthians 8:12, that first needs to be a willing mind. He says in 2 Corinthians 8:5 that they gave themselves first. There are many stories in the Bible that you can go through and see how God used people who all they had was a willing mind.

Moses, He wanted to use Moses. Moses was afraid to be used. Moses says, "I cannot do it. I cannot speak well. What am I going to say before Pharaoh?" God says, "Moses, I never once asked you one time to be able to go. I am only asking, are you willing to go?" And he was. How about David when he went out to fight Goliath? Goliath is about 13 feet, 5 inches, about 640 pounds. David is about 18, about 110 pounds. All he has got is a sling in his hand. But God says, "Hey, he is defying my nation. He is defying my people. I will go and fight him." He was willing to go. Your willingness to serve God based on giving it all up for Him, based on His willingness to give it all up for you and me on the cross.

12. For the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. That deals with being honest with God about yourself. That is what we all have a tough time doing. Most of us live a lie most of our lives. It starts with getting honest with God. You will never get honest with anybody else in your life till you first get honest with God. It is just the way it works. You have heard me say it many, many times. When you get into the Bible, the Bible is the only book on the planet. When you start to read it, it starts to read you. Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. You see that thing? That is why people do not read the Bible. That is why when a person first starts to get out of fellowship with God, the first thing that goes is the book. You know why? Because when you open that book and start to read it, it reads right down to your soul and discerns the thoughts and the intents of your heart. We do not like it. The Lord is the discerner of the thoughts and intents of our heart. We are all manifest in His sight, and all things. We are all naked and open in the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. How does that go along with what we have talked about last couple of weeks in 2 Corinthians 10:5, "casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ?"

13. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee. I have some great news. For those of you that are looking for God today on Easter morning, if you seek Him, He says, "he will be found of thee." You can have as much as God as you want. David told his son, Solomon, "Look, son, if you seek him, he will be found of thee." He told Solomon as I am telling you, "Look, you can have all of God that you want. You can have God in your life up to the point as much as you want, but you have got to get into His pattern and follow that pattern."

When it comes to God, you have to come to the end of self first. You have to realize that your house, your temple, it is His palace, not yours. You cannot have Him on your terms. You have to have a relationship with Him on His terms, His patterns, His patterns of good

works and His patterns of sound speech, and that is a problem for a lot of God's people today. That is a problem. There is no limit to what you can have from God and with God.

14. But if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. That is an interesting thing. That is an interesting debate on Thursday night Bible study. Can God cast off a Christian? That is interesting. We know that the Bible teaches that you cannot lose your salvation. We know that. There is no way on this planet that you can ever lose salvation if you truly have it in the first place. We know that. So the idea of losing your salvation is not what he is talking about here. You cannot do that.

But I will tell you what you have and I will tell you what you can lose, and I will tell you what, when you forsake Him and He casts you off physically, I will tell you what you can lose. There are two words in the Bible that have two different meanings. Most people do not know. We take the word damnation. The word damnation, we always associate with hell. In a spiritual sense, that is true. When an unsaved man dies and goes to hell, he experiences God's damnation spiritually. We have a word called condemnation. When a person is condemned, condemnation is that person is condemned to hell, spiritually speaking.

But those two words are not only just used in a spiritual sense, they are used in a physical sense. You can be saved, go to heaven, and have a physical condemnation in your life. You can be saved and go to heaven, and you can have a physical damnation in your life of your flesh, your physical body. Because that word is used two different ways in the Bible. For a Christian, you can never experience damnation in a spiritual sense. As a Christian, you can never experience condemnation in a spiritual sense. But oh, dear brother, you can sure experience it in a physical sense.

The idea of losing your salvation never comes into the picture, but let me show you what you can lose when you forsake God and God casts you off. The first thing you lose is your relationship with Him. Then a process, a pattern starts in your life. The first thing you lose is your relationship. Once you lose your relationship, then you have lost your fellowship. Once you have lost your fellowship, you know what goes then, your joy. No more joy, joy, joy, joy down in your heart.

When you lose those three things in a process of time, the next thing that you lose, you lose your assurance of salvation. Because you have lost the three things in your life that God gives you that makes you understand and know for sure you are saved. So when you lose your relationship with God, your fellowship with God, and your joy in the Lord, then it is only a sure thing that you are going to wake up some day and you are going to say, "I do not think I have been really saved." You have lost your assurance.

All of that, you have lost a major thing that God saved you for, you have lost your ministry by now. In time, as the pattern develops, if you do not break the pattern and get back where you need to be, in time, the pattern develops. In time, you lose your wife. In time, you lose your kids. You will lose your family. In time, you maybe lose your marriage. In time, you maybe lose your health. You will lose your job. You will lose your mental state. You will be on Prozac the rest of your life. You will certainly lose your reward at the judgment seat of Christ, and you will lose your millennial inheritance.

Those are the things that you can lose as a Christian without ever losing your salvation. That is physical, physical damnation and physical condemnation. There are some

things you can lose, brother. When you forsake Him and He casts you off and turns you over to the devil for destruction of your flesh like they did in 1 Corinthians 5, you better look out.

15. Take heed now. Be careful. Be careful with your life. Be careful with your family. Be careful with your church. Be careful with your life and what you allow into that house that you are building for God. Keep the patterns the way they are supposed to be.

The end of the story here, Solomon turned out to be not a very good king. He did not listen to his daddy. But that is true of most kids. Most kids do not listen to their parents. Most parishioners do not listen to their pastor. It is a pattern. It is a pattern.

When I look at that thing, I simply see two things that began to develop this pattern. He was given charge of building his house, the Lord's house, Solomon was. In 1 Kings 6:37-38, the Bible tells us that it took Solomon seven years to build the house of the Lord. But then when he came over to 1 Kings 7:1, you find out that when Solomon built his own house, he spent 13 years building his. Here is the principle. Here is the pattern. Never spend more time on yourself than you do the things of God. It is a simple principle. He built the house of God, but he spent more time on his own house. When you have your bodies, the temple of the Holy Ghost, and you know you have got to build it for the Lord, but you spend more time building it than the things that you want to do, this is where it went downhill for him, and it is where it will go downhill for you. He said, "Take heed." Get your life and develop the right Bible patterns in your life.

16. For the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it. This is a personal thing here. He chose you. If you are sitting here this morning and you are saved, He has chosen you. I know He did not choose you in the predestination concept, but He chose you in the aspect of Ephesians 1. He chose you in Christ for the foundation of the world. I understand that. But God saved you for a purpose. You are sitting here today saved, part of His plan. Whether you know it or not, He organized and orchestrated everything in your life, all the way back from when your parents came over from the old country or however they got here, wherever they came from. He orchestrated your birth. He orchestrated everything in your life. He orchestrated you getting to Kansas City. He orchestrated you getting here. He orchestrated you getting to the person that told you about Christ. He orchestrated everything in your life to get you at the right place at the right time to get you to understand what Christ did for you, and He did it for one reason: that you would build your house for Him, your life, your family, and your church.

He wants us to be, He wants us as His temple to go everywhere. He wants us to go everywhere He sends us and allow Him through you and me to display to the world the glory of God, to let people see the pattern of God in your life and my life under the good works and under sound speech. That is what He saved you for. He chose you. It is no accident that you are here this morning. It is no accident that you got saved. It was not like He runs a lottery that your number came up and you got saved on the day that you did. God is not willing that any should perish, but God chose you, but He wants you to build a house for Him, and that is what He wants.

The last thing. He simply says, after everything He gives His son, some of the greatest information God will ever give you as His son or in the Lord. Some of the greatest information you will ever give your children, and some of the greatest information as your

pastor will ever give you as our church. He simply says, after everything He said, He said, "Solomon, be strong and do it." Be strong. I want to talk about that just for a fleeting second here because it will take courage to do what God has called you to do because many things will try to stop you.

I have seen so many Christians get stopped dead in their tracks because of circumstances in life, negative or positive. I have seen people stop serving God because bad things happen in their life. I have seen people stop serving God because really good things happen in their life, and they forgot all about God and the process in both cases. Circumstances, it is going to take courage to overcome that. There will be situations in their life that come up, and you will have to exercise courage through those situations to stay in the right pattern.

There will be old friends that will come into your life that will try to bring you back where you should not go anymore, but there will also be new friends that will do the same thing. There will be relationships that you get into that their one sole purpose will be to take from everything that God has done in your life, the devil will see to it. There will be husbands and there will be wives. There will be our families who do not like the fact that you are serving God and they are not, who will look for every opportunity to nitpick you about every little thing in life and lose their control and lose their temper over stupid stuff, and it all goes back to the simple fact that you are where you are at with God and they are not where they need to be, and it bothers them. Your sound speech and your pattern of good works is convicting them.

You will have temptations. We all have them. Temptations to not do what God wants you to do. Temptations not to get in your Bible. Temptations to do the wrong things. It takes courage. Sometimes it is pride, the pride of life. Sometimes it is our own selfishness. Sometimes it is discouragement or sometimes it is fear. Many times it is simply the cares of this world, and many times it is our possessions of this world, but it takes courage. You do not find many men and women today that are saved who have the courage, who can display the courage to stand in a world where it is hard to stand. It takes a certain kind of man or a woman to stand up under all of that.

VI. Conclusion: Finishing the Work

I have spent over 45 years in the ministry, and never in my mind has my mandate been more clear. I realize in my own personal life, I realize in my family's life, and I realize in our church, we have one job to do. There will be many things that we will do, but we have one job that we all should be focused on, and that is to finish the work that God has given us here. To stay with the work till He comes back. The Bible says He has begun a good work in you and will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. I hope so. The only mandate that we have is to finish the work that God has called us to do, and I will be honest, it takes a special kind of person today to do that.

In all my years of all my ministry, people come, people go. People who were here when we started our church are no longer here today. To me, it has never been about making friends or social times or ever being popular. Though I must admit, as I journey through life in the ministry, I have made some tremendous friends, and we have had some great times, and it has all been

good. To me, it has always been about one thing, and that is building the house of God. It is about me first building my own house. It is about me then building my family, and then all of us together building our church. God sends those people, and He has been so good to me and those helping many of those people who come to this church who want to have a relationship with God, who God sends to me to labor in this field to help them find the patterns of God in their own life for them, their family, and then to help do what God has called us to do here.

As David gave his son, and as God has given it to me, I pass it on to you. But at the end of the day, who stays and who goes is of no concern to me. I only have one concern, and that is build the house by the right pattern. At the end of the day, those that are standing will be the ones that stand. The ones that do not will be the ones that do not. Our only concern is to do it. What God has called us to do, developing in our lives in the right pattern, the pattern of good works and a pattern of sound speech, and let the world see the difference through building that house that God has called us to do.

Those two chapters are the two greatest chapters in all of the Bible on showing you that if you want to find God, God is in a pattern. When you have God in your life, that pattern is displayed to everybody else. Everything in this world will break down by patterns. Learn the pattern, understand what it is, before you ever have to get into the deal with it, because the Bible is consistent. God is consistent, and God's people need to be consistent.

Every head bowed and every eye closed. Father, we thank you today for the Lord Jesus.