PART 7

THE EXODUS

Man of Peace

We now move to the last part of the section entitled "The Exodus." King David passed the leadership of Israel to his son, Solomon. They were very different kings. David's 40 years were filled mostly with battles and conquests while Solomon's 40 years were essentially peaceful. The name, Solomon, in fact means "man of peace." Solomon's life, however, reveals that there's a difference between understanding peace and experiencing it. His great wisdom led him to understand peace extremely well, but what Solomon missed (and what you and I can hopefully get) is that TRUST is what leads to experiencing peace.

Scripture: I Chronicles 22:5-10

Reflection:

Questions:

1. When you hear the word "peace," what image comes to mind?
2. Would you consider yourself at peace right now? What things are you currently anxious about?
3. David and Solomon were very different. David was a warrior, constantly in some type of fight. Solomon was peaceful, but constantly wrestling with what was wise versus unwise. Do you identify more with David or Solomon? Why?
4. We all have battles to fight. What is the end goal of yours? Are you seeking peace or something else in your battles?
5. Solomon understood peace but ultimately did not experience it. Can you think of an example of when that might be the case for you? Are you confident something will give you peace - but you're not able to act on it?
6. Jesus is celebrated as the "Prince of Peace." If you are a follower of Christ, have you ever experienced peace through that relationship?
7. "Trusting God" is the difference between understanding peace and experiencing peace. In what area of your life do you need to trust God and start experiencing peace?