More Than Enough

Exodus 36: 2 – 7

"Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and every skillful one to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work; and they received from Moses all the freewill offerings that the Israelites had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, so that all the artisans who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed, and said to Moses, "The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do." So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing; for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work."

faithful

Exodus 36 is a wonderful opportunity to consider our own stewardship. What if people responded to the calls for giving today in the same way that the Israelites did? While some might say that people do give generously for special offerings or to justice causes, too often people are not so excited to give for the more mundane daily needs of a church.

Yet, this story shows that the offerings were actually used for a kind of building maintenance. They gave of all they had until it was too much. Perhaps a lesson from this story is that people are not guilted into giving or expected to give 'til it hurts. Rather the call to offering is one of giving what you can (time, talent, or material goods), knowing that everyone's ability to give will be different, but every gift will be equally valuable. This is about a theology of abundance and a trust in the Holy to guide our actions for the common good.

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Stewardship 2021: "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

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