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1 Chronicles 28:1-10, 20-21

I may be the only doctoral student at New York University who has quoted 1 Chronicles 28:20 in the acknowledgment section of her dissertation. In a rough spot, I clung to that verse: "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

David spoke those words to the leaders of Israel when he gave Solomon the plans for the temple complex and presented Solomon as Israel's new king. Today, it would perhaps be comparable to a presidential inauguration. David's words were both a charge and encouragement to Solomon.

What can we learn about our responsibility and God's from 1 Chronicles 28?

*Our Responsibility:* "Be strong." How can we build ourselves physically and spiritually? "Be courageous." You won't know until you try. "Do the work." Don't wish it on someone else! "Don't be afraid." Fear knocked at the door; faith opened it and no one was there.

He won't fail you or forsake you, and He will be with you until all the work is finished.

Ask, seek, and knock (see Matthew 7:7).

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