

## STROLLING THE LONG STRETCHES OF GOD'S PROSE

*Exodus 35:1-39:43 // May 17, 2026 AM*

*Despite Israel's rebellion, Yahweh will graciously make His dwelling in their midst.*

I. The *purpose* of the covenant is *exemplified* in the tabernacle's construction.

II. The *precepts* of the covenant are *executed* in the tabernacle's construction.

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How do chapters 35-39 relate to the account of the golden calf and Moses' intercession in chapters 32-34?
2. Why does the account of Israel's construction of the tabernacle begin with laws about the Sabbath? How does this reveal God's grace toward Israel?
3. What is the great purpose of the covenant, and how was it realized in Israel's giving to and building of the tabernacle?
4. How did the construction of the tabernacle point back to God's work in the original creation? Where do we see allusions to this in our text?
5. Why is Israel's obedience to the commands of God emphasized so strongly throughout these chapters? Was Israel meriting God's blessing by their obedience? If not, what role does obedience play for God's people in their relationship with Him?
6. What are some lessons the church can learn today from the account of Israel's construction of the tabernacle?
7. How does Exodus 35-39 lead us to Jesus Christ?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I struggle to stroll through the long stretches of God's prose? If so, why? How did this sermon help me to see the importance of detailed and repetitive texts like Exodus 35-39?
2. Am I giving generously and serving zealously unto the upbuilding of God's house as He requires?
3. Do I take the commands of God seriously, seeking to carry them out by His grace and for His glory?