

**NBC Devotional**  
**August 25, 2021**  
**“Courageous for the God Given Task!”**

Rev. Lloyd Brock, pastor and new district superintendent of the NWIL district, was our devotional speaker. Dr. Sherwood introduced him and said he was a pastor, a true shepherd to his congregation and to his town, and a supporter of NBC who had NBC alumni on his church staff and on the board of ministry. Pastor Brock has served 50 years walking with God.

Pastor Brock talked about the work Solomon had to do. David planned the work, but Solomon carried it out. Each one of us have our work to carry out. We are not alone. God brings fulfillment and joy to our calling. Optimism is contagious. This is what two different Bible translations of 1 Chronicles say. David told Solomon this about the task of building the temple...

“Be strong and courageous and get to work. Don’t be frightened by the size of the task, for the Lord my God is with you; he will not forsake you. He will see to it that everything is finished correctly.

(1 Chronicles 18:20 TLB)

“Take charge! Take heart! Don’t be anxious or get discouraged. GOD, my God, is with you in this; he won’t walk off and leave you in the lurch. He’s at your side until every last detail is completed for conducting the worship of GOD. You have all the priests and Levites standing ready to pitch in, and skillful craftsmen and artisans of every kind ready to go to work. Both leaders and people are ready. Just say the word.”

(1 Chronicles 18:20 The Message)

Pastor Brock encouraged us to listen to Elevation Music: “Available”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTSQun6B66E>

and “Talking to Jesus” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXsxn1fRHMA>

Rev. Lloyd Brock