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Backstory- The Road To 1 Kings 8

- ▶ The Temple is complete
- ▶ Leadership has transitioned
- ▶ God's promises to David are fulfilled
- ▶ Israel gathers before the Lord
- ▶ Everything pauses for dedication

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Presence Defines The House

1 Kings 8:6-11

- ▶ The Ark is brought into the Most Holy Place
- ▶ God's covenant is placed at the center
- ▶ Obedience precedes manifestation
- ▶ God responds to divine order
- ▶ God's presence, not activity, defines the house.

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Posture Precedes Power

1 Kings 8:22

- ▶ Solomon stands before the altar (alignment)
- ▶ Hands are lifted towards heaven (surrender)
- ▶ Eyes are lifted towards heaven (expectation)
- ▶ Prayer comes before direction
- ▶ Leadership is submitted before it is exercised

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A House Designed For Return

1 Kings 8:33-36

- ▶ Covenant anticipates human failure
- ▶ Repentance is assumed, not shamed
- ▶ God welcomes returning hearts
- ▶ Restoration is central to God's design

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A House of Prayer For All People

1 Kings 8:41-43

- ▶ The foreigner is included
- ▶ God's name is known beyond Israel
- ▶ Prayer extends beyond God's people
- ▶ God's presence has global purpose
- ▶ Israel is displaying the presence of God

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Call To Wholehearted Dedication

1 Kings 8:61

- ▶ Hearts must be wholly devoted
- ▶ Obedience matters moving forward
- ▶ Dedication becalmed a way of life
- ▶ Faithfulness is required of the people
- ▶ The future depended on devotion

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Summary

- ▶ Presence before plans
- ▶ Prayer before direction
- ▶ Humility before clarity
- ▶ Devotion before vision
- ▶ God will fill what is dedicated to Him