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Identify components of David's leadership in this scene ■

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- What has Peter done right as a visionary leader? What has been missing?
- What does he need to be able to lead?

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When David speaks about Solomon's youth, the people are relieved: They see it too, but are glad to know he sees it.

Yet Solomon's youth doesn't mean it won't happen; it just means everyone is needed.

David has thought through lots of ways of getting involved: gold, iron, wood, jewels, etc.

David does first what he asks the people to do. Modeling.

When David's contemporaries are spending their treasuries building their graves and monuments, David gives his to the temple. David doesn't use guilt to motivate giving. "This will be great: Who will freely give?"

David as a leader is both in touch with the people and with God. This is difficult. V14: A familiar qn for David (2 Sam 7:18, 1 Sam 18:18). After years of being King, David doesn't lose his sense of proportion.

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5	<p><b>ARTICULATION</b> The ability to describe the attainable in images that are attractive, and the ability to describe the attractive in steps that are attainable. V5: He invites their partnership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeatedly reclarifying how roles and steps work to accomplish the vision</li> </ul>	<p>What will you need to say?</p>
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- What has Peter done right as a visionary leader? What has been missing?  
Peter has a bold hope for the future, He also has been willing to act in faith to move toward its accomplishment. Yet he has lacked clarity about reality and wisdom about next steps. He is more confident than is warranted. People in his group may admire his vision, but they probably don't trust him in this vision because they may not be sure he really has seen them clearly, as individuals, not simply as projects in the completion of his grand scheme.
- What does he need to be able to lead? He'll need patience with those who may not be ready to lead in a year, and to communicate greater freedom and grace will build trust with everyone.

