

The Man Who Had It All

SERMON 3

TEXT: 1 Kings 1&2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for your participation in Serve Rocky Mount. Pray for the areas where your group served and discuss possible on-going opportunities in those areas.
 - Be sure to use the reading guide as we study through this series.
 - Parent commissioning on Mother's Day, May 13 for Covenant Members. Register at www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps
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LEADING OFF...

1. Was there ever anything you really wanted when you were young, that you actually got, but were disappointed?
2. How does getting what we want actually just expose who we truly are?

BIG IDEA: The sinful king kills his enemies, but the righteous King is killed for his enemies.

Read 1 Kings 1:1-4

3. How should reading about the end of David's life remind us all of the inevitability of death?
4. How do strange events included in the Bible like this strengthen the truth of the Bible?
5. What do the failures of these Old Testament "heroes" teach us about how to read the Bible?

Read 1 Kings 1:5-6

6. We may smirk at Adonijah's arrogance, but how do we act similarly in wanting to be kings ourselves?
7. Is David a good father? What do these verses reveal about David's fathering?
8. The Bible shows that an undisciplined child is really an unloved child. We see this in David and his children's lives. How can this help us in raising our children?

Summary of 1:7-28

- *Adonijah, David and Haggith's son, desired and sought to be the next king.*
- *Adonijah gained the support of some of his father's leaders: Joab the commander and Abiathar the priest.*
- *He excluded those who he knew would not be in favor of him becoming king.*
- *Nathan the prophet urges Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, to ask David to quickly make Solomon the next king.*
- *They tell David that his son Adonijah pushed to make himself king without his father's approval.*

Read 1 Kings 1:29-31, 38-43

9. Solomon gets the power and prestige he likely always wanted. What are the dangers of being given such authority and power?
10. Adonijah gets corrected, not from his father but someone else. What might he have been feeling at this moment?
11. What lessons can we learn from Adonijah?

Read 1 Kings 2:1-4

12. Solomon probably had a lot of daddy issues. Discuss what they might have been?
13. What can we learn from this?
14. What is David calling his son Solomon to do?
15. Discuss the difference between directing our children to follow not just our words, but our words *and* actions. Please share any examples from your life.

Read 1 Kings 2:10-18, 24-25

16. Solomon has been given power. It is confirmed in every way. How does this power not benefit him or change him for the good, but expose him and the sin in his heart?
17. Why do you think Solomon snapped?
18. If the motto of the human heart is *"too much is never enough"*, why do we continue to seek for more?
19. Discuss the desire for instant gratification and how that can play out in our lives in bad ways?
20. How have you seen this play out in your life?

Read 1 Kings 2:46

21. How is this a sad testimony about Solomon's life.
22. How is Jesus the better Son of David and the better Solomon?

Wrapping Up...**Read Romans 5:6-8**

23. Also re-read the Big Idea, and discuss how we should respond to Jesus.