

# The Man Who Had It All

## SERMON 6-7

TEXT: 1 Kings

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Encourage use of the reading guide on the Life of Solomon as we work through this study.
  - Redeemer 101 – Sunday, June 3 at 4pm at FCS. Register online at [www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps](http://www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps)
  - Final regular week of regular Life Group meetings – the week of June 3.
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### LEADING OFF...

1. In what ways do you like to be celebrated?
2. In what ways do we sometimes get the gospel wrong, in celebration of ourselves?
3. Think about the contrast between Solomon and Jesus. Consider and discuss how Solomon lives a life celebrating himself, whereas Jesus lives a life of humble surrender.

### **BIG IDEA: The wise King calls us to surrender.**

#### **Read 1 Kings 6:1-2, 11-14, 29-30, 38**

4. The whole concept of the temple can be confusing. Discuss what you understand about the temple.
5. Solomon does what he is commanded to do in building the temple. The temple represents a place where God and man can be next to each other, in foreshadowing Jesus. Discuss the role of the temple in the period between the Garden of Eden and the coming of Christ.
6. How do words we use today, like “sanctuary” and “temple”, confuse the true purpose of the Old Testament temple and what we have in Christ?

#### **Read 1 Kings 7:1, 2b**

7. Solomon’s own house, built for his own fame, is much larger than the temple of the Lord. What does this tell us about Solomon?
8. How is Solomon similar to us?
9. What warnings can we find in Solomon’s life for us today?
10. What are some ways that Jesus is wrongly portrayed in our world today?
11. Talk about who Jesus truly is.

#### **Read Luke 14:25-27**

12. In verse 26, what message is Jesus giving here?
13. How might those hearing Jesus in the first century have understood his words about “bearing his own cross”?
14. In light of verse 27, talk about the tension between wanting to *celebrate* ourselves versus *dying* to ourselves. How can we practically “*bear our own cross*” today?
15. Is it possible to “make Jesus your Savior”, without Him also being your “Lord and Master”?

**Read Luke 14:28-33**

16. Consider and talk about these questions in light of these verses...
- Does the idea of generosity and sacrifice bother you?
  - Does the idea of any difficulty in life cause you to be angry at God?
  - Do you spend more time seeking comfort or pursuing faithfulness?

**Wrapping Up...**

17. Jesus does not call us to anything He has not already done Himself. How ought we to faithfully pursue the call of Jesus to unconditional surrender and celebrating Him, and not the self-celebrating life of Solomon? What are some practical ways we can do this?