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The man who HAD IT ALL: *Solomon*

First
FIRST FATHERS SERIES

THE MAN WHO BLEW IT ALL | 1 KINGS 11

1 KINGS 10:26-11:12 - LESSONS FROM THE "ATTITUDES" THAT BROUGHT SOLOMON DOWN

1. A GOOD MAN (*or* WOMAN) IS BROUGHT DOWN BY _____.

WHAT'S UP WITH SOLOMON AND HIS 1000 WIVES?

“ He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray.”

1 KINGS 11:3 (NIV)

YOU COULD SAY THAT SOLOMON'S PROBLEM WAS _____ LUST AND _____ DISBELIEF

SOLOMON GAVE INTO THE TEMPTATION OF _____
BUT THE DEEPER ISSUE WAS _____

“ The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, “You are not to go back that way again.” He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.”

...and (The king should) not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left.”

DEUTERONOMY 17:16-17, 20 (NIV)

WHERE DO I NEED TO TRUST GOD'S WORD IS TRUE IN MY LIFE?

2. A GOOD MAN (*or* WOMAN) IS BROUGHT DOWN BY _____.

“ King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, “You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.” Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love.”

1 KINGS 11:1-2 (NIV)

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE (OR THINGS) MOST INFLUENCING ME AND ARE THEY POINTING ME TOWARD CHRIST?

“ He who walks with the wise will be wise but the companion of fools will be destroyed.”

PROVERBS 13:20 (NIV)

3. A GOOD MAN (*or* WOMAN) IS BROUGHT DOWN NOT ALL AT ONCE BUT

SOLOMON SOWED THE SEEDS OF HIS DESTRUCTION ONE SMALL COMPROMISE AT A TIME.

“ Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

PROVERBS 4:23 (NIV)

LESSONS TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE MAN WHO HAD IT ALL:

- Solomon shows us that Wisdom by itself is _____
- Solomon shows us our real need is not a Teaching King but a _____

Resources used for today's message:

JD GREER SERMON, “HOW TO BRING A GOOD MAN DOWN AND BACK AGAIN”

DISCUSSION

Questions

- 1 - Talk together about the first three lessons from The Man Who Had it All sermon series. What are some of the main things we have learned about Solomon so far?
- 2 - Read 1 Kings 11:1-13. After all we have learned about Solomon before this are you surprised that things end so poorly for Solomon?
- 3 - Talk together about the three ways that we see Solomon Brought Down:
 - Solomon was brought down by disbelief in God's promises. If Solomon's sins were “Girls, Gold and Glory” why would you say the deeper issue was failure to fully trust God? (Review Deuteronomy 17:16-20)
 - Solomon was brought down by ungodly influences. How would you describe the influences that Solomon allowed into his life? What are some of the most challenging influences for Christians today?
 - Solomon was brought down by degrees. How have you ever seen small compromises lead to bigger failure in a persons relationship with God?
- 4 - What would you say is the most important lesson you personally have learned in our study of the life of Solomon?
- 5 - Bonus Question: If someone told you that 5 Years from now you will have “ship wrecked” your relationship with God what do you think the reason would be?