

**SERMON SERIES:** Madness  
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## Key Line

Success comes when we remember who God is and what He has done.

## Introduction

- Have you ever prayed something along the lines of: God, please help me! And when you were through the situation: Thank You, God! Reflecting back, share how God took care of you in that situation.
- Have you ever felt that life, or part of your life has self-destructed? This could be an area of life that you have a lot of stress and no peace.
- How do we go from saying, “Help me God” to self-destruction? Could it be that we start saying, “I’ve got this?”

## Seek the Word

Read 1 Kings 1:5-48 **Start of Solomon’s reign**

- Who initiated Adonijah’s kingship? How did it turn out for him? Adonijah was self-reliant (doing things his way, not God’s way)
- Who initiated Solomon’s kingship? What were David’s instructions to Solomon about being king? (Read 1 Kings 2: 1-4)

Read Ecclesiastes 12 **Solomon’s thoughts at the end of his reign**

- What does Solomon want us to remember in verses 1-5? (Life is temporary)
- What does Solomon want us to remember in verses 6,7? (Possessions and wealth are temporary)
- What is Solomon’s end conclusion about life? See verses 13, 14. (Our relationship with God is what matters the most)

## Talk About It

Self-reliance leads to self-deception which produces self-destruction.

- Discuss how you see this truth play out in Solomon’s life. How does this truth play out in your life?
- What area of your life is marked by self-reliance, possibly self-deception, or self-destruction? Would you be willing to give those areas of life to God?
- How will you start giving those areas for God to be in charge of them? You could start with a simple prayer, ‘God, please help me!’

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