

Dig Deeper @Home – “His Story in History”

Complement to sermon on April 30, 2017 – “Continuing in God’s Ways”

MEMORIZE – 1st Kings 11:38

And if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, I will be with you and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.”

READ 1st Kings 12:25-13:10

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. Verses 12:26 and 12:33 both indicate the Jeroboam was following his heart making all his decision.
 - a. What does culture say about following your heart?

 - b. What does the bible say about following your heart? (hint: read Jeremiah 17: 1-13)

 - c. If Jeremiah 17:9 is right, what does that mean to us? How do we test/discern whether what our hearts tell us is worth following?

4. Jeroboam was not the first to build another altar. Read Joshua 22:10-29. Compare and contrast this account with 1st Kings 12:25-13:10

Bottom Line – Summarize 1st Kings 12:25-13:10 in your own words

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are a suggestion for how to experience the truths of 1st Kings 12:25 – 13:10.

Leading Your Heart

The bible never tells us to follow our hearts. In fact, as we saw before, it warns about following our hearts. But we do have biblical commands that tell us how to treat our hearts. Read each of the following scriptures identifying what it says to do and then write how you can do this with your own heart.

Scripture	What to do	How to do it with your heart
Proverbs 4:23		
Colossians 3:1		
Proverbs 23:19		
James 4:8		
James 5:8		

SING (a suggested songs to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Come Alive (Dry Bones) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuCLqoxigNA>

Let this be our prayer for us and those around us

Trust and Obey - Mennonite Hymn #300

God's word is reliable and relevant. This hymn reminds us to trust it and obey it.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As you go, may the Holy Spirit guide you in your discernment, empower you to respond like Christ and strengthen you to walk in God's wisdom all the days of your life.