

Dig Deeper @Home – “His Story in History”

Complement to sermon on May 14, 2017 – “Walking in Obedience”

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 15:1-15

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. For what is Abijam’s (Abijah NIV) reign in Judah remembered? Since Abijam is disobedient to God, why is he still given the throne? Why does God continue his line “for David’s sake” (v. 4)
4. What is David commended for in vs. 5? What is the exception that is mentioned? What was the “case of Uriah the Hittite”? (2 Samuel 11:1-27). Why is this significant to mention here?
5. How did this sin affect David? How did he respond? (Read Psalm 32:1-7) What is the source of blessedness or happiness in this psalm?
6. While the obedience of David was partial and he continued to sin, the obedience of Jesus was full, or complete. Read Romans 5:19-20. What does Paul say Jesus brought about? What can we count on as we follow Jesus and trust our lives to Him?
7. Read verses 9-13. Abijam dies and his son, Asa begins to reign over Judah. What is different about the reign of Asa? How does verse 11 describe his life and the way he lived? What stands out to you as you read about his obedience to God?

Bottom Line – Summarize 1st Kings 15:1-15 in your own words

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of 1st Kings 15:1-15.

Taking down Idols

If you have the game wooden block game *Jenga* in your home, gather your family or small group to play the game. As each person takes their turn to remove a block from the tower, have them name something that can become a modern day idol in our lives or something that can turn our hearts from loving God or something doesn't please God. When the game finally ends and the tower falls down, talk about how God wants to take down the idols in our lives that keep us from loving God with our whole heart.

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

Refiner's Fire - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Y8zP34AhuU>

As you worship with this song, ask God to purify your heart and to give you a deeper desire to know and to obey God and His word.

All the Way My Savior Leads me – Mennonite Hymnal #573

This hymn affirms the faithfulness of Jesus leading us through life. Let this song be an encouragement to keep trusting and following Jesus.

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, ask God to give you a pure and holy passion to know Him and to follow hard after God. Ask God for the wisdom and courage to help you take down the idols in your life that are standing in the way of you loving God more completely with your whole heart.