

Dig Deeper @Home – “His Story in History”

Complement to sermon on May 28, 2017 – “Walking in Opposition”

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 15:25-16:7

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. Who was Nadab’s father and what was the sin of Nadab’s father? (see 12:26-33)
4. What was the evil that Nadab did? (vs 26) How would you describe what it means “to walk in the way of Jeroboam”?
5. How could Nadab have benefitted from meditating on Psalm 1? (Read Psalm 1 and list the things the Psalmist says are the benefits of the righteous.)
6. Baasha, son of Ahijah, was of the house of Issachar. What was the tribe of Issachar known for? (Read 1 Chronicles 12:32) How did Baasha’s actions line up with the other men of Issachar?
7. How does Baasha’s evil actions actually fit in with God’s plan (vv. 27-28; see 14:10-16)? How does God use Baasha to deal with Jeroboam’s sin? How does God deal with sinners today?
8. Are you surprised Baasha lasted 24 years in power? (vs 33-34) Was he an improvement over the king he replaced? Why or Why not?

Bottom Line – Summarize 1st Kings 15:25-16:7 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 15:25-16:7.

Simon Says

Play the game of *Simon Says*. One person is designated Simon, the others are the players. Standing in front of the group, Simon tells players what they must do. However, the players must only obey commands that begin with the words "Simon Says." If Simon says, "Simon says touch your nose," then players must touch their nose. But, if Simon simply says, "jump," *without* first saying "Simon says," players must not jump. Those that do jump are out. Follow directions and stay in the game for as long as possible! The last player standing wins and becomes the next Simon. If you're Simon, the object is to try to trick the players to follow your commands when they shouldn't.

After the game talk about how important it is to follow what God says in the Bible. Talk about how sometimes we listen to other voices and commands other than God's.

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

Man of Sorrows - Hillsong - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6jXqdtZi10>

As you worship with this song, know that the cross is where God's love was poured out for the forgiveness of our sins. We have turned away from God, and sinned against God and we deserve to die. But through the cross he came to forgive us and to set us free.

God of Grace and God of Glory – Mennonite Hymnal #434

This song is a cry for wisdom and courage as we live these days.

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.