

Dig Deeper @Home – “His Story in History”

Complement to sermon on June 25, 2017 – “Supernatural Proclamation pt 1”

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 20

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. What do we know about Aram? Use the following verses to find out more about this foe:
 - a. Genesis 10:22
 - b. Genesis 25: 19-20
 - c. Deuteronomy 26: 4-5
 - d. 2nd Kings 5: 1-14
4. Pride is a vicious thing. Read back through 1st Kings 20 and identify all the areas where pride led King Ahab or Ben-hadad to trust themselves (instead of the LORD)
5. The Aramean’s mistakenly believed that Yahweh was a god of the hills only. If they could fight in the plains, their gods would give them victory. After losing a second time, the Arameans discovered the truth: Yahweh is God of all. Where in your life might your actions might demonstrate that you don’t believe God is fully present or able? What can you do to change that?

Bottom Line – Summarize 1st Kings 20 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 20

The Weaker Hand

Spend a day performing all your tasks using your weaker hand. So, if you are right handed, spend a day being left handed. If you are left handed, spend a day being right handed. Why? Because it will gauge your pride and humility. At the end of the day, reflect on the day by answering these questions.

1. Did you ever ask for help? Did you want to ask for help but refuse?
2. Did you give up along the way and go back to your dominant hand? For the rest of the day or just for a certain activity?
3. What did this reveal to you about your pride and humility?
4. Did anything during the day surprise you? Anger you? Frustrate you? Why?
5. Read Psalm 89:13. After spending a day using your weaker arm, what would it look like to spend more time trusting in God's strong arm instead of ours?

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

Lay Me Down - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pkWrvCZDHA>

May this be the desire of our hearts, to lay ourselves down before the LORD.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us – Mennonite Hymnal #572

A reminder that we are sheep and without a shepherd will go the wrong way and get lost

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 God give you a pure and holy passion to know Him and to follow Him alone. May the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and courage to trust Him and walk fully by His word and His ways at all times.