

Saturday & Sunday, November 17 & 18, 2018 - "Unsung Heroes - Week 11: Prophet from Chronicles" - Bryce Gray

Key Passages: 1 Kings 11, 12, 13 - 2 Chronicles 11, 12

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- 1 Kings 11
 - A really good day for Jeroboam (he is promoted by the king and then told he will become king)
 - God said that he would give him Israel if he would follow the Lord's commandments
- Solomon dies and Rehoboam takes over as king
 - The people wanted better work conditions BUT Rehoboam ruled harshly
 - There was a "turn of affairs" brought about by the Lord → Jeroboam made king in the north (Israel) and Rehoboam ruled in the south (Judah)
- Jeroboam worried that the people would turn back to Rehoboam
 - The things that we conclude in our hearts can be very dangerous
 - So Jeroboam builds idols for his people to worship...instead of traveling to Jerusalem in Judah
- 2 Chronicles 11
 - There were those who still feared the Lord and moved to Judah to worship the Lord
 - Sometimes God calls us to pursue Him in the midst of a bad situation
 - The Lord gave Rehoboam and his people a few years because they followed Him
- Solomon's sin (not following and trusting the Lord) → Jeroboam squanders his God given opportunity → 2 years of ungodly choices by Rehoboam loses all of the wealth that David/Solomon had built → Kingdom attacked by Egypt
- 1 Kings 13
 - Our unsung hero: the prophet
 - He was obedient to the Lord and confronted Jeroboam
 - But then he was lied to to and disobeyed what the Lord had asked him
- Some take-aways
 - Bad choices can ruin lives (ours and those that depend on us)
 - Not safe to be a Christian, it takes guts to follow Christ
- Key question: Do I really think that living under the protection of God's will is the best?
- Have you been fumbling your "entrustment"?
- Is God stirring something but fear is keeping you from stepping out?
- Is your rebellion risking your families future?
- Are you too busy following your own dreams and agendas to hear God speak?

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Is there something that you concluded in your heart that God had to reshape?
2. When was a time when you fumbled something the Lord had entrusted you with? How did God use it to teach you?
3. Can you think of a time you had to be a person of ACTS (available, courageous, teachable, spirit-influenced) in a bad situation or setting?
4. What is God stirring in you that fear is preventing you from following through on?
5. Do you believe that living under the protection of God's will is the best? How does this shape your life?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Genesis 31 Tues: Genesis 32 Wed: Genesis 33 Thurs: Genesis 34 Fri: Genesis 35

Songs from the weekend: [Lion & the Lamb - Bethel Music] - [Downpour - Grace Worship Original] - [Reckless Love - Cory Asbury] - [Yes & Amen - Housefires]