Kings of Judah: Rehoboam When Pride Divides a Kingdom

Introduction: Rehoboam was a king who inherited extraordinary opportunity, yet his pride, insecurity, and rejection of wise counsel fractured the kingdom. What if the greatest danger to our leadership, relationships, and faith isn't weakness, but arrogance?

Discussion Questions

1. Who do you go to when you need to make a big decision and why?

2. Read **1 Kings 12:6-11** Why did he reject the opinion of the older advisors? What potential motives do you see in the younger group of advisors? What's the difference between getting multiple pieces of advice and asking until you hear what you want to hear?

3. Read **1 Kings 12:15** The text says the split was "from the Lord," even though Rehoboam acted foolishly. How do you understand the relationship between human responsibility and God's sovereignty? Have you ever seen God work through someone's failure (including your own)?

4. Read **2 Chronicles 12:1** Rehoboam obeyed God only until he felt secure again. Why is obedience easier in crisis but harder in comfort? Where do you notice "conditional surrender" in your own walk with God?

5. Read **1 Kings 14:21-22** The people followed Rehoboam into disobedience, but they were still responsible for their own choices. Why do people sometimes use bad leadership as an excuse for bad behavior? How do we stay faithful when leaders, institutions, or cultural pressures pull in the wrong direction?

6. How do you discern when your desire for control, comfort, or affirmation is shaping you more than God is?

7. What are some ways that pride can damage our spiritual growth? What about relationships? Who has the freedom in your life to tell you when you are wrong?

Shaping Your Mind – *There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms*. Ezekiel 37:22b

Moving Forward – True strength is not determined by power but by surrender.