Kings of Judah: Jehoshaphat

Introduction: Jehoshaphat began his reign with deep devotion and spiritual strength, yet one relational compromise reshaped the future of his kingdom. His story shows how even good intentions can be undone when we align ourselves with people moving in a different direction than God. Sometimes the greatest threat to a faithful life isn't outright rebellion, but the influence of the alliances we choose

Discussion Questions

1. Growing up, were your parents ever concerned by someone that you hung out with? Looking back, were those concerns justified? If you are a parent, why kind of guardrails do you try to give your kids about who they choose as their closest friends?

2. Read **Provers 12:26** Why are friends or companions so influential? Are there ways to associate with someone and not allow them to influence or shape you?

3. Read **2 Chronicles 17:3-12** How is Jehoshaphat's commitment to the Lord demonstrated? How does God respond to that commitment? How can your personal devotion help shape the devotion of someone else?

4. Read **2 Chronicles 18:1-7** Jehoshaphat allies himself with Ahab, then sits among 400 false prophets before asking, "Is there no longer a prophet of the Lord here?" Why do spiritually committed people sometimes ignore obvious warning signs in relationships or partnerships?

5. Have you ever ignored the internal warning signs and gone ahead with a bad decision because you felt like you had already committed? How did that work out?

6. Read 2 Chronicles 20:2-12 Why does Jehoshaphat tell God who he is? How can beginning prayer that way be helpful? When you read that last sentence of the prayer, what comes to mind? Can you relate?

7. Jehoshaphat headed to face the enemy with the singers in front. He was facing the enemy with worship? What might that look like for you if you did the same thing?

Shaping Your Mind – *We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." — 2 Chronicles 20:12b*

Moving Forward –Spiritual commitment can be undone by relational compromise, but God restores those who return to dependence and worship.