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uhusiano—Solomon

methali 3:1-7

Kama Daudi alikufa, alimteua Solomon kutumika kama mfalme badala yake. David kujifunza, bila kujali jinsi vipawa wewe, utegemezi wa Mungu na kumpenda Yeye kwanza ni wito juu. Temptation pamoja na nguvu na mali inaweza kusababisha upumbavu makubwa. Sisi ni kuundwa kwa upendo na uaminifu kumtumikia Bwana. Kubaki imara katika kutembea kwetu na Mungu, tunahitaji kuishi kwa unyenyekevu Waislamu maisha-kwa Bwana na kwa kila mmoja katika jumuiya ya imani. **1 wafalme 2:1-4**

Kila maisha ni kiwango cha juu katika maisha yangu. Wale walio karibu na mimi kikomo mimi zaidi. Watoto, wanandoa, wazazi ni mapungufu. mapungufu hayo ni usumbufu si madogo; wao uko masharti makubwa na haiwezi kuepukika katika zoezi zote-wanadai ya kuwa binadamu. Kutokana na mila zetu kwa ajili ya kutaka kuishi si kama binadamu lakini kama Mungu, ni kuepukika kabisa sisi mara kwa mara fantasize mwisho na mapungufu kama uhuru kwa ajili ya ubinafsi huru. Lakini kamwe kazi nje kwa njia hiyo. Wale ambao kuchukua msimamo imara na maombi dhidi ya kuondolewa kwa mipaka kujua nini re kufanya: ridding wenyewe ya maisha inconvenient kwamba wanaonekana interfer na restlts maisha yetu si katika maisha zaidi kwa ajili yetu, lakini chini - E. Peterson (1997)

Kama watu wanataka kudai ahadi ya 2 Mambo ya Nyakati 7, lazima kutimiza masharti sawa na Israel. Kwanza, kuanguka chini; kupitisha mkao unyenyekevu ya mtumwa au mwombaji mbele ya mfalme. Kisha wao kuwa na "kuwasihi". Kwa kawaida watu kuwasihi hakimumu kwa misingi ya kuwa katika haki. Hapa, wao si katika haki na wao kukubali ukweli huo. Wao ni katika matatizo kwa sababu ya makosa waliyoyafanya, si kwa sababu ya makosa kufanyika kwao. Wao ni maombi kwa msamaha, si haki; aina ya msamaha kwamba tu can inaweza ruzuku, msamaha kwamba huacha utekelezaji wake kustahili kwa makosa yao - John Goldingay (2011).

Wiki ijayo: Kingdom vipande viwili. **Yeroboamu/Rehoboamu**

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Connection—Solomon

Proverbs 3:1-7

As David died, he appointed Solomon to serve as king in his stead. David learned, no matter how gifted you are, dependence on God and loving Him first is the highest calling. Temptation combined with power and wealth can lead to devastating foolishness. We are created to love and faithfully serve the Lord. To remain steadfast in our walk with God, we need to live humbly surrendered lives—to the Lord and to each other—in the community of faith. **1 Kings 2:1-4**

Every life is a limitation on my life. Those closest to me limit me most. Children, spouses, parents are limitations. These limitations aren't minor inconveniences; they're major and unavoidable conditions in the all-demanding exercise of being human. Given our propensity for wanting to live not as humans but as gods, it's quite inevitable we occasionally fantasize an end to limitations as freedom for the sovereign self. But it never works out that way. Those who take a firm and prayerful stand against the removal of limits know what they're doing: ridding ourselves of inconvenient lives that seem to interfere with our living restlts not in more life for us, but less - E. Peterson (1997)

If people want to claim the promise of 2 Chronicles 7, they must fulfill the same conditions as Israel. First, fall down; adopt the humble posture of a slave or suppliant before a king. Then they have to "plead". Usually people plead with a judge on the basis of being in the right. Here, they are not in the right and they acknowledge that fact. They are in trouble because of the wrong they have done, not because of wrong done to them. They are pleading for pardon, not justice; the kind of forgiveness that only a can grant, the pardon that ignores their deserving execution for their wrongdoing - John Goldingay (2011).

Next week: A Kingdom Torn in Two. **Jeroboam / Rehoboam**

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

David alitoa maagizo nzuri ya mwanawe.

1 Wafalme 2: 1-4

Mungu alimpa baraka zake na zawadi ya hekima.

2 Mambo ya Nyakati 7: 1-3; 1 Wafalme 3: 11-14

Solomon ilikuwa nia ya Mungu. 1 Wafalme 8: 56-61

Solomon alishiriki hekima yake. Mithali 3: 1-7

Hata kwa hekima kubwa, Sulemani alikuwa wajinga.

Hakuna mtu linatca kuwa waaminifu.

Jinsi gani tunaweza kukua katika hekima?

Nini husaidia us wanadumisha Mungu?

Nani wewe kuhamasisha kuwa mwaminifu?

Anayetoa hekima ya Mungu kwenu?

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

David gave good instruction to his son.

1 Kings 2:1-4

God gave His blessing and the gift of wisdom.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3; 1 Kings 3:11-14

Solomon was committed to God. 1 Kings 8:56-61

Solomon shared his wisdom. Proverbs 3:1-7

Even with great wisdom, Solomon was foolish.

No one sets out to be unfaithful.

How can we grow in wisdom?

What helps us remain steadfast to God?

Who will you encourage to be faithful?

Who speaks godly wisdom into your life?