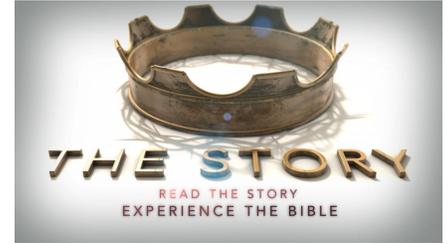


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for May 23, 2021:
Chapter 13: The King Who Had It All



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. It's graduation season! Tell a graduation story.

- **GROW** *in Christ*

King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord; he did not follow the Lord completely, as David his father had done.

1 Kings 11:1-6

1. Our culture can be a little like a kettle and we can become the frogs plopped into the water...if we are not careful. Name some examples of dangerous and incremental changes happening around us that we can fail to notice. What can we do to wake up, notice, and resist these changes?
2. God appeared to Solomon in a dream and engaged him in the "if you could have anything you want" conversation (1 Kings 3:5-14, pp.176-177). What did Solomon ask for and what did he refrain from asking for? What can we learn about prayer from this account in Solomon's life?
3. As Solomon's wisdom grew, the Holy Spirit inspired him to write and collect wise sayings. According to Proverbs 1:1-7 what is the purpose and value of the proverbs and why are they needed just as much today as they were in ancient times?
4. The Story includes many examples of proverbs. Respond to one of the questions below about this collection of wise sayings:
 - What do they teach us about fearing God?
What do they teach us about God-honoring relationships?
 - What do they teach us about how to handle our finances wisely?
 - What do they teach us about how we use our words or time?
5. At the end of his life, the wise King Solomon did some very foolish things. What did he do and

what were some of the consequences? How can we avoid finishing our race in a similar fashion?

- **SERVE** *others*

Is there someone in your life who is struggling live wisely or to finish strong a race that they started with great passion and purpose? Pray for them. Ask God to show you ways to be wisdom in their life, and look for ways this week to be an encouragement to them.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**