

THE STORY



THE KING WHO HAD IT ALL

I Kings 1-8, 10-11; II Chronicles 5-7
Proverbs & Ecclesiastes

LOVING THE LORD... EXCEPT THAT (I Kings 3:1-3)

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SOLOMON'S HIGHEST PRIORITY (I Kings 3:7-9)

"So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong."
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Wisdom = _____ + _____ + good _____

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Pursue _____ over happiness, and you'll find that _____ is thrown in.

THE TEMPLE (II Chronicles 5)

"Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud... for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God!"
II Chronicles 5:13-14

The Temple foreshadows:

The _____

The _____

The new _____ and new _____

Where do I go from here?

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Chapter 13: The King Who Had It All

Sermon on May 15, 2022

Introductory Video Link: <https://bit.ly/KingHadAll>

Getting to Know Me

1. What was one Christmas gift you really, really wanted as a child?

Digging Deeper

2. What insight or observation from Sunday's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
3. Read together 1 Kings 3:9-14. How do you define "wisdom"? What does God's response to Solomon's request for wisdom tell you about the heart and mind of God?
4. Read together Proverbs 2:1-8. How do verses 3-5 describe what our attitude should be in our pursuit of wisdom? Aside from seeking God's wisdom, how do we often make decisions? Where do we begin in our search for wisdom (Proverbs 1:7)?
5. Read Proverbs 3 out loud with your Growth Group and choose a verse or two that speaks to you (or choose another favorite Proverb). Share the verse with your group. Why does this verse challenge you or bless you?

6. Read James 1:5. After hearing and studying the wisdom of Solomon, how does it impact your life to know that God promises his wisdom to you today if you simply ask?
7. Solomon had wealth, honor, and the power to do anything he wanted, yet he was dissatisfied. Read Ecclesiastes 2:10-11. Where do you see/feel these in our world today?
8. Solomon concludes Ecclesiastes with the words of Ecclesiastes 12:13. What do these words, based on what you know about Solomon's thoughts and life, say to you?
9. We continually see these old stories pointing to Jesus. Where do you see whispers of Jesus in this chapter?

Where Do I Go from Here?

10. Phil said, "If you pursue happiness, you'll never catch it, but if you pursue holiness, happiness is thrown in." What steps can you take this week to seek holiness and wisdom? What habits can you form to help you seek wisdom?
11. Solomon built a stunning temple for God. 2 Corinthians 6:16 tells us our bodies are God's temple-He dwells in us. What will you do this week to give honor to God through your temple? What thoughts or actions need to change in your life because you know God dwells in you?

Prayer

What do you need wisdom for today? Share with your group. Form partners & commit to pray for each other and check-in during the week.

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