

Sunday, August 21, 2022



## *“Failure of Solomon”*

### *1 Kings 11:1-13*

Have you ever cheered for someone to fail? Why?

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Solomon has been riding the successes of the throne and God’s promises. God promised David’s heir would build the temple of God, and he did. Solomon like many has started off right but begins his downhill slide quickly. His failures come about by the divided nature of his life.

Failure happens when my heart is\_\_\_\_\_.

Read *1 Kings 11:4-8*. List the ways in which you see Solomon’s heart being divided? \_\_\_\_\_

How do the ways you listed resonate with your own life?

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Read *Deuteronomy 7:3,4* and *2 Corinthians 6:14*. What are the dangers God warns about here in divided loyalties? How do these warning apply to each of our lives?

Failure invites \_\_\_\_\_

Read *1 Kings 11:9-11*. What consequence does God enact against Solomon?

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As I examine my own life and life with God, what consequences can I see at work for having my attention divided?

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Read and reflect on *Deuteronomy 4:39,40*. What might God be saying to you from this verse today?

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Which area of my life that is divided do I need to see God bring healing?

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Take a moment and invite God back into that area now.

Failure is not \_\_\_\_\_.

Read *Ecclesiastes 12:1-14*. Solomon’s final words on his life are to “remember the Creator of your youth.” How has your relationship with God changed over the years? What part of your earlier relationship would you like God to help you recover?

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This week

By what measures of success am I grading my life by now?

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What would I like my new standard to be?

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What steps can I take, will I take to finish well? Who can I invite in to pray with me on these steps?

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*Next Week: “God the Merciful King”*