

Small Group Study Notes

1 Kings 15:1-32

1. We could say that Abijah has two fathers; his immediate father, Rehoboam and his great, great grandfather, David (v3). He models on his father and is condemned for committing the sins of his father. What were those sins? In what ways was David a better role model?
2. Who are the sorts of people you model on? Who do you think is watching you and modelling on you?
3. It was customary to pay great respect to the king's mother; hers was a position of influence and power. Asa was so keen to do right that he deposed his grandmother from her exalted position of "Queen Mother". Here is a case of putting God above one's mother and is the OT equivalent of Luke 14:26. What does Luke 14:26 mean in your experience?
4. During the last five years of Asa's life he is attacked by king Baasha and the north. The last time he was attacked he prayed a beautiful prayer, "Lord there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty, help us O Lord our God for we rely on you" (2 Chron 14:11). Why is it that sometimes we rely on God and other times we seek to sort things out ourselves? Which matters to you take to God and which ones do you sort out on your own?
5. In Chronicles we read in the parallel account that with his diseased feet he only went to the doctors and did not seek God's help (2 Chron 16:2). When do we go to the doctor and when do we seek divine healing (James 5:14)?