

THE STORY

Personal Devotion Questions

Chapter 14

A Kingdom Torn in Two

Day One

1. Rehoboam sought counsel from the elders who had served his father first and then to the young men who had served him. To whom do you turn when you need advice in making difficult decisions? Why?
2. This chapter is full of stories of conflict. Do you avoid conflict or are you more apt to provoke it? What lessons about conflict and conflict resolution can you learn from the stories in this chapter?

Day Two

1. Jeroboam turned away from the LORD and caused Israel to sin in order to hold on to his position and power. When in your own life have you sinned against God in order to maintain a position, hold on to power or boost your standing? What safeguard could you put in place to help you make God-honoring choices in the future?
2. When the man of God spoke against Jeroboam, the king was outraged (p. 162). How do you receive correction?
3. The anger of the LORD is mentioned four times in this chapter (p. 163 and 166). If someone asked you what makes God angry, what could you tell him or her? To which of the Ten Commandments was God's anger related (p. 49)?

Day Three

1. Review the summary statements made about Kings Asa and Ahab (p. 165 and 166). In a single sentence, write a summary statement that you would like to define the character of your life. If it is not true of your life now, what steps do you need to take toward that goal?
2. What are a few of the ways that the national leaders of this chapter shaped the populace of their nations? Our nation has new leadership. Based upon what you have learned from this chapter, write a prayer for them and for our country.