TODAY'S MESSAGE

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	CH. 1-11		CH. 12-14		CH. 15-16		CH. 17-22
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	fulfillment		Jeroboam	16:29-34	16:29-34 Rise of Ahab & his		prophets of Baal on
Ch 3	The Lord's request &				great wickedness		Mt. Carmel
	Solomon's answer					Ch 19	Elijah on the run
Ch 4	Solomon's people &					Ch 20	The Lord gives
	power						Ahab a victory
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Ch 6-9							repentance
Ch 10	Solomon's splendor					Ch 22	Defeat & death of
L Ch I	Solomon's sin						Ahab

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I. Tales of Spiritual Drift

- Solomon (2:1-11:43)
- Rehoboam (12:1-24, 14:21-31)
- Jeroboam (12:16-14:20)
- Ahab (16:29-22:4)

II. Seeds of Spiritual Drift (11:1-8)

III. Preventing & Correcting Spiritual Drift (15:8-14)

- 1. Wholly ______ your _____ to the Lord (15:14)
- 2. Boldly act to remove spiritual _____ (15:12)
- 3. _____ & ____ to God's Word and people (2 Chron.14:4)

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CONNECTING Together (20 minutes or so)

In this 3rd week of Spring Growth Groups, be sure to check in with each other and honestly share what's happening in life. Take risks be real.

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4. Read the summaries of the reign of Asa in 1 Kings 15:8-14 and 1 Chronicles 14:2-8. What sets Asa apart from the other kings of Judah and Israel? How does God bless the reign of Asa?

STUDYING God's Word Together (20 minutes or so)

- 1. How did you come under God's Word in the message this week? Thoughts, impressions, questions? How did God speak to you?
- 2. Read 1 Kings 3:5-15, 8:12-61 and 11:1-8. What is happening in each of these passages? What happens to Solomon at the end of his life and how does it happen? How does this effect you? Can you identify the 5 seeds of spiritual drift from the message in 11:1-8?
- 3. Spiritual drift is common. It happens in nations, communities, schools, churches and in our own hearts. Can you think of specific recent or historical examples of observable spiritual drift? Can you see these 5 seeds of spiritual drift in these examples?

- 5. How is your heart affected as you ponder the threat and the consequences/impact of spiritual drift? Are you mostly discouraged or motivated to action? How can a healthy Gospel community keep us from spiritual drift?
- 6. Is there any bold action you need to take to remove a spiritual stumbling block or idol from your life?
- 7. What are ways that 1 Kings points us to the Gospel? How is 1 Kings 11:34-36 a Gospel pointer? How is 1 Kings 21:20-29 a Gospel pointer?

PRAYER Together (20 minutes or so)

Share needs and requests, but be sure also to wholly devote your hearts to the Lord again together.