



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

THESE ARROWS SHOW THE BEST READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAYS OF

## KINGS 12:25-33

Jeroboam said, "going to Jerusalem is too difficult for you" (12:28). Like a ball rolling downhill, we all gravitate toward what is easy or convenient. But "easy" isn't always what's best for us. Difficult things can often be the most rewarding and valuable experiences in life. So, embrace the challenges. Resist instant gratification and discipline yourself for something greater. You will grow through the process and the reward will be worth it.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH ALWAYS TAKING THE EASY PATH?

WHAT AREA OF LIFE DO YOU NEED TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF IN?

HOW HAS GOD USED CHALLENGING THINGS TO GROW YOU?

DAY 01

# 1 KINGS 13:1-10

WHAT WORRIES DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THE FUTURE?

WHY DO YOU WORRY ABOUT WHAT'S AHEAD?

HOW CAN YOU TRUST GOD FOR YOUR FUTURE?

In this story, the prophet predicted the name of the king who would rule from this place of doom, 2,000 years before that king was born. From a perspective, President George Washington was born 290 years ago. We face many uncertainties over the course of our lives. But we are in the hands of the One who knows all our hearts. God will give you the grace to face tomorrow whatever may come. Simply trust and obey Him.

DAY 03

# 1 KINGS 14:1-20

Jeroboam's sinful actions had devastating effects on his family. The consequences took years to fully develop, but when they did, they harmed many more people than Jeroboam himself. It is important that we all understand that our sin affects more than just ourselves. Of course, we always harm ourselves when we sin, but the damage extends to others as well. But godliness can be the same way. It will bless you and those around you. So, do what's right out of love for God and for the people He has placed in your life.

HOW HAVE OTHER PEOPLE'S SINFUL ACTIONS AFFECTED YOU?

HOW HAVE YOUR SINFUL ACTIONS AFFECTED OTHERS?

HOW CAN YOUR ACTIONS BLESS OTHERS?

DAY 04

## KINGS 14:21-31

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN BLESSED BY PREVIOUS GENERATIONS?

HOW CAN YOU PRESERVE WHAT THEY HAVE PASSED TO YOU?

WHAT WOULD SATAN LOVE TO STEAL AWAY IF YOU LET HIM?

The people of Judah built clove on mountains and under trees all over the Kingdom. They turned away from the Lord. When Egypt wanted against Judah, the king of Egypt seized the treasures of the Lord's temple and the treasures of the royal palace. He took everything. (14:26) One generation lost what the previous had worked so hard to secure. Satan is happy to take everything if we'll let him. Don't lose what so many have sacrificed for by turning away from the Lord. Seek Him, love Him, and pass something on to yet another generation.

DAY 05

## KINGS 15:1-34

King Aza's grandfather forsook the Lord in his old age. His own father continued down that path, walking in the same way of the previous generation. But King Aza was unlike his father and grandfather. He did what was right in the Lord's sight. (15:1) If your grandparents and parents are godly, imitate their faith and continue their legacy. But if they are not, it does not have to continue with you. Commit yourself to the Lord and begin a new legacy for your family. You are not your father or mother. You are a unique individual and your life belongs to God. So, live for Him with all your might.

WHO IS A GODLY EXAMPLE YOU CAN FOLLOW?

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF PAST GENERATIONS?

HOW CAN GOD USE YOU TO BRING POSITIVE CHANGE IN YOUR FAMILY?