

Week of 6-11-2023

Series: The Story, Ch. 5, Pt. 4

Sermon: How Did We Get Here?

Text: 1 Kings 1-11

Sermon Outline:

1. Set your heart wholly on the LORD. (8:61)
 - Ask for wisdom. (3:5-9)
 - Seek his presence. (6:11-13)
 - Remember his covenant. (8:6-11)
 - Live on mission. (8:55-61)
2. Don't let it be divided. (11:4b)
 - By disordered affections. (11:1-3)
 - By corrupted worship. (11:4-8)
 - By self-confidence. (11:9-10)
 - By time. (11:4a)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 King's 3:5. Suppose you have 3 different prayer lists:
 - The 1st list is written with your heart fully devoted to the LORD.
 - The 2nd list is written with your heart partially devoted to the LORD.
 - The 3rd list is written with your heart fully devoted to yourself.Would those 3 lists look similar or different?
What would be on your 1st list in terms of praying for yourself, your people, your stuff, and your future?
2. Read 1 Kings 6:11-13. How would you answer this question from John Piper: "If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ was not there?"
3. We set our heart fully on God by remembering His Word. If you were shipwrecked on a desert island and you could only have 1 book of the Old Testament & 1 book of the New Testament, what would they be and why?
4. Read 1 Kings 8:59-61. The goal is mission because the ultimate goal is God's glory. Are God's glory and people's salvation the driving passions in your life? Please take a moment and pray that God would use our Dominican Republic mission trip this week to glorify God and bring people to know Jesus.
5. Read 1 Kings 11:1-8. Wow. The difference between ch10 and ch11 is shockingly tragic. What divided King Solomon's heart? What has divided, or as the potential to divide, your heart?
6. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. What can you do you keep this divide from happening? How can "looking to Jesus" practically play out in your life?