



REFLECTION / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Pick a few questions from below and reflect this week, or choose 4-5 to discuss in your home group.

- Read 1 Kings 1:13-27. What observations can you make about the counterplot? What lessons can be learned from their plan that apply to you today?
- What quality about David stands out most to you?
- What bothers you most about aging?
- Have you ever thought about what you might say to your children on your deathbed? What would you like to say to them? Did/will your parents give you a kind of “last words” talk?
- What does David tell Solomon in his final words? Which of David’s admonitions is the most important?
- Read the remainder of 1 Kings 2. What is the “rest of the story” regarding some of the people David mentions to Solomon?
- What do you think Adonijah’s motives are when he attempts to become the next king? Do you think it was improper for him to “put himself forward” and say, “I will be king?” (1 Kings 1:5)
- Read 1 Kings 1:40-49. How do Adonijah and his party guests hear about Solomon’s anointing? How do they take the news.

Read 1 Kings 1:50-53. Do you agree with Solomon’s decision about Adonijah? Why?



THINK ABOUT IT

Final Acts – Final Words. 1 Kings 1-2

OVERVIEW

1 Kings 1-2 opens with David, a shadow of his former self, the king we've known and loved is weak and feeble. His body is old and tired, unable even to maintain its own warmth. However, his mind still seems sharp as he fends off one more challenge to the throne from his deathbed. Adonijah attempts to steal the future reign of the nation from God's chosen heir, Solomon, his own brother. Through quick maneuvering by David, Bathsheba, Nathan the prophet, Zadok the high priest and Benaiah, one of David's mighty warriors, the coup d'eta is thwarted. With Solomon clearly established as his successor, David shares a private moment with assuring and challenging words for his son before "resting with his Fathers."

SERMON OUTLINE & REFERENCES

Final Acts – Final Words. 1 Kings 1-2:4

- **A great warrior becomes weak.** 1 Kings 1:1-4
- **Adonijah attempts a coup d'etat.** 1 Kings 1:5-53
- **Final words to a son.** 1 Kings 2:1-4
 1. **Be strong.** 1 Kings 2:2; 1 Samuel 30:6; Psalm 28:7; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:10
 2. **Show yourself a man.** 1 Kings 2:2
 3. **Observe what the Lord requires.** 1 Kings 2:2; 2 Timothy 3:16
 4. **Walk in His ways.** 1 Kings 2:2; Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 1:10
 5. **Keep His decrees.** 1 Kings 2:2
- **David "rests with his fathers."** 1 Kings 2:1-11
- **A man after God's own heart.** 1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22
- **Wrap up:**
 1. **Faith is a verb.**
 2. **Set up the next generation for success.**
 3. **Stop, and do the simple things to care for one another.**