

Legacy Making

2 Chronicles 20:31 - 21:7

Sermon Sentence

The LORD Is Judge! He knows your heart; He weighs your works; and shows mercy.

He Knows Your Heart

Jehoshaphat: The Lord Is Judge

He Weighs Your Works		
He Shows Mercy		

Open It!

Share a story of a child or grandchild seeking help. What was their need for help? Where did they go for help?

Read It!

2 Chronicles 20:31 - 21:7

Consider It!

What was Jehoshaphat known at the end of his life (20:31–21:7)?

What were the positive and negative aspects of his legacy?

How would you like your family and friends to describe your walk with the Lord when your life is over?

Did Jehoshaphat's spiritual legacy have a lasting impact on the people of Judah or his family (20:33; 21:6-7)? Why or why not?

What alliance did Jehoshaphat make (20:35-36)?

Should he have known this was a bad idea (18:1-2; 19:1-2)?

What were the consequences of his decision (20:37)?

Why do you think King Jehoshaphat failed to consult the LORD?

What kind of decisions do we make without thinking to consult the LORD?

Who would you go to if you were to seek godly counsel?

Jehoshaphat followed the ways of the kings. He sought peace and prosperity by forming an alliance with King Ahab by the marriage of his son, Jehoram to Athaliah (18:1) and he gave the throne to his first-born son, Jehoram (21:1-3). What was the fruit of these decisions (21:4-5; 2 Kings 8:16-24; 11:1-3)?

What does Jehoshaphat's example teach us about sowing and reaping (Galatians 6:7-8)?

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Live It!

Repentance

Read Exodus 20:4-6 and Numbers 14:17-19. What decisions or compromises have you made that could visit your children and grandchildren? Confess them as sin and turn from them now.

Family Activity

Take time at dinner or in family worship to read 2 Chronicles 17:3-6 and 20:31-32. Share stories of the spiritual legacy of your parents or grandparents. Pray together that these family traits would continue for the glory of God and good of future generations.

Seek the Lord

What decision are you considering today? How will you seek the LORD? Who could offer you godly counsel? Who will you ask to pray and fast with you?

Personalize Psalm 103 as a Prayer