Life Lessons
From 1 Kings 11-15

Chapter 11

Overview **Solomon Turns From the Lord**

* Solomon took 700 Wives/300 Concubines; Against Word/God
* Wives turned his heart away from/LORD (Heart issue - v2, 3, 4, 9)
* LORD raised up adversaries – Edom, Syria & from w/in - Jeroboam
* Ahijah to Jeroboam; Tear 10 Pieces/Tribes; Because Forsaken (v33)
* Solomon tries to kill Jeroboam; Flees to Egypt; Solomon's death

Point #1 **From Peace to Unrest**

* What took Solomon (*Shâlomoh/* Peace) from Peace/Rest to Unrest?
* He did exactly those things that God said he should not do. (Chuck)

Hebrew 4:1-6 - Shall not enter that rest, because of disobedience

Chapter 12

Overview **Rehoboam & Jeroboam**

* Reh rejects Elders advice, takes Young Men's advice; Heavier Yoke
* Pinky thicker/Fathers Waste; Chastised/Whips–Scourges (Scorpions)
* v15 – Turn/Events from the LORD, to fulfill Ahijah's prophecy.
* Israel Departs; Kill Adoram; Reh flees; Shemiah/Don't fight Israel
* Jeroboam/Places/Worship; Calves/God; Priests/Everyone; False Feast

Point #2 **Rehoboam's Rejection**

* Reh rejects Elders Advice – What was it? Lighten Yoke, Be Servant
* Received Young Men's Advice – My/finger; Chastise/Whips…
* Jesus' Advice?

Matthew 11:28-30 [28]Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29]Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Matthew 20:26 …whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

Chapter 13

Overview **"Man of God" and His Message**

* From Judah to Bethel; Cried out against Altar, Prophecy of Josiah
* Jer arm stuck; Altar splits/Ashes pour; Man/Prays; Jer invites home
* Can't/Word/Lord; Can't eat, drink, return same way; Old prophet finds/lies to him, Man/God disobeys/dies; Lion/Donkey; Buried

Point #3 **Take Heed to Yourself First**

* V1 – "Man of God" 15 times; "Word of the LORD" 11 times
* What happened? (v26) Man/God who was disobedient/Word/LORD
* One thing I know I am an expert at, applying scripture to your life!
* Answer? **Luke 8:18** [18]Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

Chapter 14

Overview **Jeroboam's Judgment**

* Jer's son sick, sends wife to Ahijah; Ahijah (v7-16) Because…
* v9 - Done "More Evil"; Made Other gods, Provoked/Me, Cast Me
* v10 – Therefore, Disaster, Cut Off, Take Away, Dogs Eat, Child/Die

Point #4 **What is "More Evil" than Evil?**

* V9 - Remember Chapter 12 – Pseudo Worship Jeroboam created?

Matthew 23:15 [15]"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. Why???

Matthew 23:13 [13]"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are **entering** to go in.

Chapter 15

Overview **Reign of Abijam, Asa, Nadab, (Baasha)**

V1 - 18th Year/Jeroboam(Israel) – Abijam became king/Judah (V3)
V9 – 20th Year/Jeroboam(Israel) – Asa became king/Judah (V11-14)
V25 – 2nd Year/Asa(Judah) - Nadab became king over Israel (V26)
V28 – 3rd Year/Asa(Judah) - Baasha kills Nadab
V33 – 3rd Year/Asa - Baasha became king over Israel (V34)

Point #5 **Make a Personal Choice**

V3 – Abijam walked in the sins of his father (Rehoboam)…
V11 – Asa did/right/eyes/Lord, as did "father" David (not father Abijam)
* David = Great, Great Grandfather, David/Solomon/Reh/Abijam/Asa
V26 – Nadab did evil in the sight of the Lord, walked/way/father (Jer)
V34 – Baasha did evil/sight Lord, walked in way/Jer. (no relation)