



Series Learning from Leaders- Good, Bad, Ugly.
Passage 1 Kings 1:1-2:25
Title Adonijah
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Discussion Starter – What was the most impactful insight you gained from this sermon? How have you or how do you think you can apply this lesson to your life today?

Reflections of Kingship and Fatherhood (1 Kings 1:1-6)

- David is old now, he is around 70, and he can't even keep himself warm, much less rule a nation. David was a great king and leader of the nation Israel. Why do you think that he did not appear to have this same skill in the leadership of his family?
- What are some of the common parenting mistakes you see in the life of David, that parents still make today?
- What are we as parents supposed to teach our children to do, and what are we not to do for them, so that they will not grow up to be selfish and spoiled?

Adonijah Exalts Himself – next king of Israel (1 Kings 1:5-10)

- Why did Adonijah think he was entitled to succeed as king of Israel after David?
- Do you think that Adonijah knew that Solomon was the successor to the throne of David before he exalted himself? Read 1 Chronicles 22:9-10, 28:1-8, Psalm 75:5-7. Discuss what additional insights are gained from these verses.
- Why do you think Joab and Abiathar the priest followed and helped Adonijah?
- In what way did Adonijah use manipulation of people to get what he desired? How do we use manipulation to get what we want?

Adonijah's Self Exaltation is Exposed (1 Kings 1:11-53)

- How did Adonijah's self-exaltation plan fall apart and become exposed? What was the problem with his particular plan? How can we apply this lesson in our own lives? Read Matthew 23:6-12. In what way are these verses applicable to this story?
- What is the significance in the act of Adonijah's going to the altar and holding on to the horns?
- What did Adonijah ask Solomon to swear to? What wisdom do you see in how Solomon responds to Adonijah's request? Read 1 Kings 2:13-25. Describe in your own words how this story ends for Adonijah and what do you see as the lesson we should learn from this passage?