



Series: Learning from Leaders

Passage 1 Kings 13:1-10, 13:33-14:16.

Title Jeroboam – 1 Kings 13

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Discussion Starter – We are all called to be leaders. Do you recognize this as a part of your calling? What is your definition of leadership? How might disobedience affect your calling as a leader?

Jeroboam's Calling (1 Kings 11:37-38)

- How is God's calling on Jeroboam similar to God's calling for us?
- What caused Jeroboam's disobedience? What was happening at Bethel and Dan?
- How were Jeroboam's actions at Bethel and Dan disobedient?

Sign of the Broken Alter/Repentance (1 Kings 13:1-5)

- What prophecy and signs did the prophet present to Jeroboam? (2 Kings 23:16)
- A false alter can be anything we put ahead of God. What is the symbolic significance of the broken alter? Why is Jeroboam continually ignoring God's prompting? Have you experienced the consequences of counting on a false alter? Give some examples of possible false alters.
- What should the consequences of a broken alter encourage us to do and why?

Attacking God's Message (1 Kings 13:6-10)

- What does Jeroboam attempt to do to the prophet? Why does God "wither" Jeroboam's hand?
- How did Jeroboam respond to the prophet? How should we react when someone speaks truth to us? How should we react when we are attacked for speaking God's truth in love to someone?
- How did the prophet react to Jeroboam's threat? For encouragement, see and discuss John 15:17-20.
- How is this a story about God's grace and mercy? How does Jeroboam respond to God's grace and mercy?
- How does the prophet respond to Jeroboam's offer of fellowship and refreshment? Why do you think God told the prophet not to stay around?

God's Mercy Abused (1 Kings 13:33-14:1-18, Psalm 15:15-23)

- How did Jeroboam respond to God's continued prompting? How is it possible that Jeroboam rejected God's mercy? Has there been a time in your life where you have rejected God's warnings or promptings? If so, what happened?
- We know that God is incredibly gracious, but many people including Christians take His grace for granted. What insights do we gain about God's grace in the reading of Psalm 50:15-23?
- What lessons should we learn from Jeroboam's plan to disguise his wife and send her to inquire about their son before the prophet Ahijah? What is the significance of sending her to Ahijah? What are some examples of Christian pretense that are used and are designed to disguise sin?
- What happened to Jeroboam and his descendants? What impact did Jeroboam's disobedience have on Israel at large? Read Luke 12:47-48. Discuss how these verses relate to Jeroboam and how they relate to us today as Christians.
- What four points did Pastor Dave encourage us to remember at the end of the message?