



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 075 - Not The First Impression He Wanted To Make 1 Kings 12

Chances are that any king in Israel will have the loyalty of his own tribe, but he's going to have to prove himself to gain it from the others. Rehoboam has his chance and blows it. His older, more seasoned counselors gave him good advice. Unfortunately, he followed the lame advice of his younger counselors instead.

- What image did Rehoboam want to portray to his nation?
- How does that compare to the image Jesus portrayed to His people?
- What image do you want to portray at home, at work or school, at church and among your friends?

The day Israel divided into two nations was disastrous. The people of the north were provided between two places of worship, which quickly led them away from God and into idol worship.

- What effect might this division have had on God's reputation to the surrounding nations?
- What effects are divisions having on your family, church and workplace?
- How might realizing the effect of our divisions on God's reputation in the world encourage us to work harder to heal our divisions?
- When do we have to let the divisions stand to honor God's truth?

Paul tells us Jesus came to heal the divisions between people. Through His suffering and death for all of our sins, Jesus won salvation for each of us. Through His Word and the faith He gives us He makes us all one family—the children of God.

- How have you seen Jesus heal the divisions in your life?