

Calvary Chapel of Escondido  
*Men's Ministry Bible Study*  
Solomon Study #4 - When is Enough, Enough?

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We were all so encouraged when we read how Solomon began his walk with God. He had a humble heart. He recognized the authority that was given to him by God and that he needed divine wisdom to be able to meet that responsibility. With that, Solomon had much success. With many men today, success has a way of turning our eyes from God and onto the very success that we received from God.

Solomon was granted wisdom by God Himself and was used by God in tremendous ways, yet Solomon strayed. When we read of men in the Bible that stray, we often read it as a story without understanding the impact and severity. This story is so true though that it is sad to read. Solomon allowed sexual sin and the power that came along with it to overcome him. It overcame him to the point that nothing could satisfy. Because of his success, he had the authority and money to get more. He continued to get more and more into the absurdity. When you look at all that Solomon had and wasn't satisfied, we could say with certainty that enough is never enough. Man always wants more. Like Solomon, we also are sinful and capable of straying from the God we love. Let us look at this study with this understanding and allow God to teach us, prepare us and use us for His glory.

### **Supportive Scripture**

*Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. (1 Corinthians 10:11-12)*

*Today you have proclaimed the Lord to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. Also today the Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments. (Deuteronomy 26:17-18)*

*And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. Then he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying: "Blessed [be] the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses. "May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us nor forsake us, "that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers. "And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Israel, as each day may require, "that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD [is] God; [there is] no other. "Let your heart therefore be loyal to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day." (1 Kings 8:54-61)*

*So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. (2 Samuel 12:13)*

*And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O LORD, take away the iniquity of Your*

servant, for I have done very foolishly." (2 Samuel 24:10)

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. (Revelation 3:15-16)

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (John 15:4-5)

### **Key Verse**

For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as [was] the heart of his father David. (1 Kings 11:4)

### **Memory Verse**

For the LORD your God [is] a consuming fire, a jealous God. (Deuteronomy 4:24)

### **Quote**

"Equally in the Christian life, to stumble and fall and then to flounder in the dust is sin, certainly. It calls for repentance and it needs God's forgiveness. For it is not necessary for me to walk with the Lord like that, hiding behind the excuse that 'I must fall once in a while; it is inevitable!'" ~ *Watchman Nee was a Chinese Christian author and church leader during the early 20th Century. He spent the last 20 years of his life in prison and was severely persecuted by the Communists in China.*

## **Questions for Group Discussion**

### **1 Kings 11:1-13**

1. **(v.1-4) Foreign Women** – Knowing that Solomon was the wisest man ever to set foot on this planet, how is it possible that he didn't know that this sin of marrying foreign women would destroy him?
  
2. **(v.3) 700 Wives and 300 Concubines** – How can we overcome the power of sexual sin that is not satisfied with what God has intended? Both David and Solomon struggled mightily with sexual lust. What the difference between the two men? Explain the importance of being content with what, or whom, God has given to us? If this is an area of weakness, reach out to a brother for accountability.

3. **(v.4) Not Wholly Devoted** - In your opinion, what do you feel “wholly devoted to the Lord” means?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. **(v.5-8) Our God is a Jealous God** - How can a man who began with such a great walk with God, fall to this level of sin? Consider and discuss the reality that this could happen to *any* of us.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. **(v.9-13) God Appeared to Solomon Twice** – Have you had great spiritual experiences in the past? Why don't these experiences last a lifetime in keeping us close to the Lord? What is necessary to stay close to Jesus?

### **Additional Questions for Personal Study**

1. What are the two reasons for Solomon's demise that are noted in these verses?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Solomon “did not observe what the Lord had commanded.” (verse 10) What are some commandments of the Lord for that you tend to disobey? Are you aggressively trying to change this? (NOTE: the commandment may not be specifically in God's word, but may be something personal that you know is wrong for you. Romans 14:14, 23).