

# *A Simple Act of Kindness*

Sermon Series: *Snapped! When good people snap.*

1 Kings 12:1-24,  
2 Chronicles 10:1-19

## REHOBAM'S STORY:

1 Kings 12:1-24 & 11:9-13/ See also 1 Kings 14:21-31 & 2 Chronicles 10:1-14:15

## LEADERSHIP LOST

### **REHOBAM'S THREE DUMB MISTAKES**

- ▶ Forgot that approach matters  
2 Chronicles 10:7,13/ Proverbs 15:1/Colossians 3:12-14/Galatians 5:22-25

- ❶ Kindness is not a feeling but an action.
- ❷ Kindness always reflects God's character.

- ▶ Listening to bad advice  
1 Kings 12:6-11

- ❶ Am I asking the right people?
- ❷ Am I seeking advice or someone who agrees with me?

- ▶ Leading by fear & intimidation  
1 Kings 12:12-19

- ❶ Leaders who last always put the needs of others first
- ❷ Leaders who last are dependable & consistent

# REALife Application

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2. Define kindness. Is the Bible referring to personality traits in Col. 3:12-14, or character qualities? What is the difference between kindness and friendliness? How are they similar?

3. Read Eph. 2:1-7. How will God's grace be displayed in the coming ages? How has he expressed His kindness to us? Look at Isaiah 53:1-12. What does it look like to “cloth yourself” in kindness?

4. We also looked at the importance of seeking wise counsel when making decisions. One of the reasons to do so is to make sure we're not falling victim to our personal blind spots. What do the following verses have to say about avoiding this trap or ignoring wise counsel like Rehoboam did?

Psalm 139:23-24 Proverbs 9:9 Proverbs 14:15

Ecclesiastes 7:16

4. No one wants to lose their influence or leadership. Yet ironically, as we saw this week, influence and leadership are not about the power and authority we have, as much as the service, love, and dependability we give. How do the following verses speak to this issue? And how might they impact your current relationships?

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