# REIGN

## A STUDY OF I & II KINGS

### Live With the End in Mind
### 1 Kings 1-11

1. When we **obey** God's Word and **follow** his plan, we build a life of meaning and leave an eternal legacy.

2. When we **ignore** God's Word and **follow** our own desires, we build a life of regret and leave a disaster.

Application:

- There is no substitute for **obedience**.

- We live on God's **timeline**.

- The most important **moment** of your life will be when you stand before your **Maker**.

# MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. When you think about King Solomon, what comes to mind? Do you see him as a good king or a bad king? Why or why not?

2. What is the difference between an unconditional promise and a conditional promise? (See 1 Kings 9:1-9 and Romans 10:9-13.) Do you feel that sometimes we justify our lack of obedience with the notion that we are already forgiven and going to heaven, so what we do really doesn't matter?

3. What was the sin that brought down Solomon's kingdom and destroyed his legacy? (See 1 Kings 11:1-12.) When did his lack of obedience start? (See 1 Kings 3:1.) What area of obedience do you struggle with and what warning do you take from Solomon's life?

4. Solomon wrote his memoirs in the book of Ecclesiastes. Read his final instructions in chapter 12:13-14. If you were to heed Solomon's advice, what implications would that have on your life?

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### Memory Verse

"I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, act like a man, and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go..."

### 1 Kings 2:2-3