

**SERMON SERIES:** The Calling: The King Who Had It All  
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## Key Line

Wise choices draw us closer to the heart of God.

## Introduction

Our lives would look different if we always filtered decisions through the question “What’s the wise thing to do?”

- What things might change in your life if you did this or if you had done this?

## Seek the Word

Solomon was extremely wealthy. He had everything he wanted. He was known for his wisdom.

Read 1 Kings 11:1-14.

- What did Solomon do that went against God’s commandments? (*He married 700 women and allowed them to worship their own gods. He participated in their worship.*)
- What was God’s reaction in verse 9? What did he say the consequences would be? (*He was angry. He said the kingdom would be torn from his son.*)

## Talk About It

“Our lives are the sum total of the decisions we make.”—Andy Stanley

Sometimes we make decisions that affect the rest of our lives.

- Describe a decision you’ve made that affected the rest of your life.
- Did you make a wise decision or unwise?
- What did you learn from that?

We need to be completely devoted to God. Scott suggested three steps for admitting our faults and becoming independent from our sins: own it, speak it (to friends to be held accountable), turn away from it.

- What are some areas of life where you’re holding back and keeping that away from God?
- Which part of that three step process is hardest for you?
- What can we do as a group to help one another give our hearts completely to God?
- Do you think that just knowing you have a problem and repenting from it is enough? What more can you do if you are stuck in an addiction or sin? (*Sometimes counseling is needed to help a person know concrete ways to truly leave old habits behind.*)