



# PORTRAITS

## Group Guide



### 1 Kings 11:9-13

<sup>9</sup>The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. <sup>10</sup>Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the Lord's command. <sup>11</sup>So the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates. <sup>12</sup>Nevertheless, for the sake of David your father, I will not do it during your lifetime. I will tear it out of the hand of your son. <sup>13</sup>Yet I will not tear the whole kingdom from him, but will give him one tribe for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

### Solomon // July 21, 2024

1. Our guest speaker Greg, presented Solomon's story as a *warning* for Christians. In a sense, Solomon was presented as an *anti-hero*, someone who had the right answers but whose life didn't match. Solomon is presented as *the patron Saint of Hypocrisy*.
  - a. Do you agree with this assessment that Greg presented? Why or why not?
2. Solomon is an example of a world-renowned leader within God's people who falls away from obedience to the ways of God, and yet Solomon's writings (or at least writings that have been historically attributed to Solomon by Jewish and Christian scholars) of *Proverbs*, *Ecclesiastes*, and *Song of Songs* are canonized in the Old Testament.
  - a. If it is true that Solomon is more "patron Saint of Hypocrisy" than he is *hero within Scripture*, then what do we make of the use of his wise writings today?
  - b. Should the *lived example* of Solomon adjust our view of his writings? Why or why not?
  - c. How does the idea of the *inspiration of Scripture* inform this conversation?
3. At the very least, Solomon's story is a warning to persevere in obedience to God not in order to be saved by our works alone but because our salvation by God's grace alone is expressed in our works.
  - a. Read John 15:1-12 together. What does it look like according to this text to *abide in the vine*?
  - b. What are some ways in which we as individuals, and as a collective of individuals, can abide in Jesus?





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## [LEADERS NOTES]

### RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- [centralheights.ca/followjesus](https://centralheights.ca/followjesus)

### STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing [stories@centralheights.ca](mailto:stories@centralheights.ca)

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<https://www.centralheights.ca/currentseries>