



A Word from the Coach

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Introduction:

- Knowing God's will for our lives
- Does God speak directly to people?

Once again David inquired of the LORD, and the LORD answered him... **1 Samuel 23:4**

How do I know when God is speaking to me?

Three questions to ask yourself ...

1. Is this decision consistent with _____?

2. Is this decision consistent with _____
_____?

3. Is this decision consistent with _____
_____?

Rehoboam went to Shechem, where all Israel had gathered to make him king. When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of this, he returned from Egypt, for he had fled to Egypt to escape from King Solomon. The leaders of Israel summoned him, and Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel went to speak with Rehoboam. "Your father was a hard master," they said. "Lighten the harsh labor demands and heavy taxes that your father imposed on us. Then we will be your loyal subjects." Rehoboam replied, "Give me three days to think this over. Then come back for my answer." So the people went away. Then King Rehoboam discussed the matter with the older men who had counseled his father, Solomon. "What is your advice?" he asked. "How should I answer these people?" The older counselors replied, "If you are willing to be a servant to these people today and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects." But Rehoboam... asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers. "What is your advice?" he asked them. "How should I answer these people who want me to lighten the burdens imposed by my father?" The young men replied, "This is what you should tell those complainers who want a lighter burden: 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist! Yes, my father laid heavy burdens on you, but I'm going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!'" **1 Kings 12:1-11**

Next Steps:

- I commit to regularly (_____) read the Bible so that I can know more of God's moral will
- I will be open to hearing God speak to me through circumstances, the Bible, and people
- I will start/stop listening to people in my life who should/shouldn't be giving me advice: _____
- I promise to make wise decisions based on all of the ways that God speaks to me
- _____