

Cornerstone Message Notes
"A Divided Kingdom" (1 Kings 12)
"The Greatest Stories of the Bible" series - part 12
Pastor Dan Page - 5/6/18

□
THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Division is an ongoing sad & difficult reality in this broken & sin-filled world.

□
APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Remember that whatever twists & turns the story of humanity has taken & will yet take, especially as it pertains to our story in it, we can rest assured that whatever God allows He does so with His eyes wide open able to redeem it all.

□
FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

After our separation from God, what must break His heart most is our separation from each other. He made us in love for love to be & grow together with Him & one another. And here we are all selfish & separated continuing to make a mess of things.

If ever you'd think a group of people would have gotten it right, it'd probably be this group composed of the 12 tribes God established & ordained. But, that's right, you guessed it, you didn't.

This morning we'll see that division is as old as mankind. And even though God is always willing & able to make things right, people aren't.

We need to address division God's way & be willing to do what He says.

□
What to Do When There's Division ...

1. ACKNOWLEDGE it.

Until we're willing to call it what it is, it's next to impossible to do this.

1 Kings 12:1-17

□
2. ADDRESS it.

It doesn't just fix itself. In fact, if we don't do this it won't be resolved.

1 Kings 12:18-20

□
3. PLACE its CONSEQUENCES in GOD'S HANDS.

Only God knows how it's going to go / what impact it will have / His plans for it.

1 Kings 12:21-24

□
Making It Real Questions

- 1] Do you struggle to do this as soon as you realize it exists?
- 2] Are you convinced it must be addressed because it won't be made right on its own?
- 3] Will you trust God to give you the grace to do this consistently & completely?

Action Step

Memorize & seek to live Romans 12:18 & Ephesians 4:3.