

Right Foundation

2 Kings 1:1-17



A Man Just like Us





1.

A bad legacy is hard to overcome

“⁵¹ Ahaziah son of Ahab became king of Israel in Samaria..., and he reigned over Israel two years. ⁵² He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, because he followed the ways of his father and mother...and caused Israel to sin.

What happens when we build our lives on the wrong foundation?

1 Kings 22:51-52

Dr. Richard Strauss

“Our children have a tendency to rise no higher than we have gone in our spiritual experienced, to fall into the same pitfalls to which we have succumbed, and to feel the same chastening rod of our Lord.”



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“⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶**but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

Exodus 20:5-6

Question...

What will the legacy
of my foundation be?





2.

Deceptive voices distract us from the truth

“¹After Ahab’s death, Moab rebelled against Israel. ²Now Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria and injured himself. So he sent messengers, saying to them, ‘**Go and consult Baal-Zebub**, the god of Ekron, to see if I will recover from this injury.’”

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“³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”

John 8:31-32

Question...

What are the primary
voices in my life today?





3.

Destructive consequences are unavoidable

“He told the king, ‘This is what the LORD says: Is it because there is no God in Israel for you to consult that you have sent messengers to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Because you have done this, you will never leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!’”

2 Kings 1:16

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4.

A Spiritually hardened heart is difficult to soften

- 2 Kings 1:9
- 2 Kings 1:11
- 2 Kings 1:13

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“But encourage one another daily,
as long as it is called ‘Today,’
so that none of you may be hardened
by sin’s deceitfulness.”

Hebrews 3:13

What if, I have made a mistake?

¹³So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men.

This third captain went up and **fell on his knees** before Elijah. “Man of God,” **he begged**, ‘please have respect for my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants! ¹⁴See, fire has fallen from heaven and consumed the first two captains and all their men. But now have respect for my life!’”

2 Kings 1:13-14



What if, I have made a mistake?

- **Humbly seek help**
- **Humbly ask for mercy**



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“⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.”

1 John 1:8-10

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“⁴For day and night your hand was **heavy on me**; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
⁵Then **I acknowledged my sin** to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said,
‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.’
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

Psalm 32:4-5