**“Rehoboam’s Folly”**

**1 Ki 12:1-24, 14:21-31**

**I. The Divided Kingdom**

**A) A Pivotal Beginning**

**Issue:** *Forced Labor*

 **Decision:** *What should he do?*

 **→** Asked the experienced from Solomon’s generation

1 Kings 12:6-7; 1 Kings 12:8

 **→** Asked his peers

1 Kings 12:9-11

 **Answer:** *the North abandons the house of David*

1 Kings 12:12-16

Proverbs 15:1 - God’s Eternal Covenant with David = 2 Samuel 7:15-16

**B) An Attempt *regain* Control**

1 Kings 12:18-19

**C) Potential Foci and Life Lessons**

1) Foolishness of Ignoring Older, Wiser Counsel

 2) Foolishness of Ignoring the people you are serving

3) Presumption that Position Equates with Followership

**II. The Sovereign King**

**A) The Programmer Behind the Program**

**\*\*1 Kings 12:15;** 1 Kings 11:29-35

*Reason for Divided Kingdom?*

1) Forsaken God - worshipped other gods (Ashtoreth, Chemosh, Milcom)

2) Israel had not walked in God’s ways - not done what is right and kept God’s rules and laws … see 1 Kings 12:15

**B) An Intervention of Mercy**

 1) The LORD Prevents a Civil War

1 Kings 12:21-24

2) The LORD Keeps His Promise to David

1 Kings 12:20

God keeps all His promises to YOU!

 3) The LORD spares Israel from Egypt Enslavement

1 Kings 14:22-26; 2 Chronicles 12:5-8