



## Ahijah: Grace is not a License (1 Kings 11:26, 29-40) Truth to Power (Part 2)

### THE BIG IDEA

God's grace is not a license for us to do whatever we want. Instead, God's grace is a call for us to live in humble obedience to God.

### OPENING

- When did you get your driver's license?
- What other licenses do you have?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- Read 1 Kings 2:1-4 and then 11:1-10. How did Solomon fail to keep his covenant promises to God? In what ways did Solomon treat God's grace as a license to do whatever he wanted?
- Read 1 Kings 11:33-35. How did the people of Israel follow Solomon's example? What was the consequence of this?
- What does God promise to Jeroboam in 1 Kings 11:37-38? What is God's promise conditional on? How well did Jeroboam live up to this in 1 Kings 12:26-32?
- Read Romans 5:20-6:7. What happens when sin abounds? Why is the abundance of grace not a license to sin? What does our Christian baptism signify as it relates to sin?



- Read Jude 1:4.<sup>1</sup> How were some people distorting the grace of God?

## PUTTING IT TO WORK

- Rather than thinking of freedom from sin as a right to do whatever we want to do, Paul envisions freedom from sin as freedom to live as a servant of God. Spend time this week praying this Servant's Prayer

*Give me a servant's heart, O Lord;  
A soul that longs for you,  
A spirit that daily seeks your will,  
And strength to follow through.*

*Give me ears to listen  
To the cries that go unheard,  
A mouth that speaks in kindness  
And proclaims your perfect word.*

*Give me eyes to see the things  
That grieve your only Son  
And hands that reach out for the lost  
Until your work is done.*

*Give me legs that carry me  
Swiftly through the race,  
And when I'm finished let me leave  
Footprints marked with grace.<sup>2</sup>*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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<sup>1</sup>Jude is a very small one-chapter book that is the second to last book in the New Testament (right before Revelation).

<sup>2</sup><https://aliciabruvoort.net/a-servants-prayer/>