

## **One is No Better than the Other**

1 Kings 15-16

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1. The kings of Israel did not follow God; they simply got from bad to worse (15:25-16:34)

c.f. 1 Kings 14:10, 16:3, Joshua 6:26

2. The kings of Judah did not follow God fully; they left what's bad unchecked (15:1-24)

3. Unlike the kings of Israel, the kings of Judah follow God's chosen Davidic line (1 Kings 15-16)

c.f. 1 Kings 11:11-13



### **Questions for reflection & discussion**

- a. Think of examples when I hoped to see (or even tried to bring about) changes, things not only did not get better (but might even have gotten worse instead). How can I guard against possible blind-spots that I can miss in my own life?
- b. What are the dangers of thinking that I'm not as bad as "some of the other people"? In what ways can I be no better than others?
- c. We often hear people say, "Let's look to God to bring about changes in us individually & as a church." What does this mean for me practically?

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