



A Kingdom Torn in Two

This is by far the saddest section so far
They had an amazing nation
In one generation they destroyed it

How often do we see this in our world today? (friend groups, families, churches)

So what caused the destruction of this kingdom?

1 Kings 12:1-5

- Rehoboam the son of Solomon is about to be named king
- Jeroboam comes to ask a request from the people
- Jeroboam was a leader among the northern tribes and was prophesied to be king
- The people ask that their taxes would be lowered

1 Kings 12:6-7

- The older men advise him to lighten up, serve the people and they will follow him

1 Kings 12:10-11

- The young men tell him to just push the people harder

1 Kings 12:12-16

- Rehoboam listens to the young men and just pushes the people harder
- The northern peoples separate and follow Jeroboam

1 Kings 12:25-30

- Jeroboam isn't any better
- He sets up idols for the people to worship
- He leads the northern tribes into sin

*In one chapter, this great nation of God is completely destroyed

- Sin destroys just that quick

What was the common thread with both these guys?

- They both just thought about themselves
- A nation was destroyed because these men were selfish

Application for us

- We can either be building up the groups we are a part of or tearing them down
- If we are selfish we will destroy relationship and possibly even groups

-Veracity is awesome thing

- It only stays an awesome thing though if we aren't selfish and we care for each other

Galatians 5:14-15

- The core of being a Christian is to love your neighbor
- The opposite is to be selfish and devour one another

-If you want awesome relationships you can't be about yourself

Small Group Questions

- 1) What caused the kingdom of Israel to be divided?
- 2) Have you ever seen a relationship damaged by someone's selfishness?
- 3) What can you be doing to serve the other members of Veracity?