

**Recap of 6/7/26 message by Chris Sommerfield  
("Choose Wisely") 1Kings 1:11-31:**

- In this passage we see the struggle for power and leadership leading to a pivotal moment in Israel's history. In moments of vulnerability, choosing wisdom and aligning with God leads to fulfillment of His purpose and strength in our weaknesses. Nathan and Bathsheba's actions in these verses demonstrate the importance of intervention by those who are concerned with God's promise and justice. In times when we are vulnerable, having godly advisors who point us back to God's plans is crucial.

- Nathan and Bathsheba show they are trustworthy and help guide David back toward the LORD. We should help guide our brothers and sisters in Christ back to the LORD and His will! We should welcome instruction and reminders that help us along this journey! David, in this weakened state, nearing the end of his life, has a choice. He can choose to continue to be the passive parent. He can choose to be apathetic. Or... He can choose to align himself with the will of God and return to his commitments to the LORD. He can choose to make Solomon king and quell the mounting rebellion. We make choices every day and the question we should be asking in those choices is "who will be king over our lives?"

- Romans 12:1-2 teaches us that we will be pressed into the mold of this world if we are not transformed by the renewing of our minds. Renewing one's mind involves a fundamental reorientation of how you think and perceive reality, one writer calls it a "Copernican revolution in one's thinking." You cease to be the center of your universe, and God becomes your center. When we make poor choices, broken relationship with God occurs inhibiting the blessings God wants for us! Choosing wisely isn't only about choosing to believe in Jesus. It's also about choosing to follow Him. To make Him king on the throne of your heart every day. Even when you want to be in control, or the world tries to tempt you and lead you astray... Who will be your king?