LESSONS THIS QUARTER
1) 05 Dec ........................ 1Kings 1-4 ..................... What Money Can’t Buy
2) 12 Dec ................................ 1Kings 5-9a .......... Why Prayer Deserves Priority
3) 19 Dec ................................ Mat 1-2 .............. Worship the King of Kings
4) 26 Dec ....................... 1Kings 9b-11 .......... Where Compromise Takes You
5) 02 Jan .......................... 1Kings 12-16a ...... Anatomy of a Grave Decision
6) 09 Jan .......................... 1Kings 16b-22 .......... A Hill on Which to Stand
7) 16 Jan ................................ 2Kings 21-23 .... Building a Culture for Life
8) 23 Jan ................................ 2Kings 1-5 ......... Sick of Greed?
9) 30 Jan ............................ 2Kings 6-8 .......... Right Not to Remain Silent
10) 06 Feb .......................... 2Kings 9-10 ......... Danger! Unbridled Passion
11) 13 Feb .......................... 2Kings 11-17 ...... U-Turn Here — and Now!
12) 20 Feb .......................... 2Kings 18-20 ....... Got to Have Hope
13) 27 Feb .......................... 2Kings 23-25 ......... Keep Hope Alive

INTRODUCTION
- Why do women have such an overwhelming influence on men? Even Adam chose to stay with Eve in a sin-cursed world than obey God in the Garden of Eden
- Solomon had it all — wealth, wisdom, power, wine, women, song, and God’s pleasure
  - But he blew it by putting the desires of women first instead of seeking to please God
- Where’s the balance between meeting the desires of our spouse, putting others before ourselves, and pleasing God?

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| 1Kings 9:1-28 | God Means Business – Obey or Suffer
- vv2-9. God gives Solomon an ultimate — Obey Me and be Blessed or Forsake Me and Perish
- vv20-21. Israel failed to annihilate the idolatrous, adulterous, child-sacrificing nations, so their evil influence would haunt them for generations
| 10:1-29 | Queen of Sheba is Awed by Solomon’s Wisdom
- v5. “…there was no more spirit in her”, in other words, Solomon’s wisdom took her breath away
- We, too, should seek God’s wisdom to accomplish His will in our lives .......... James 1:5
- Plus, if we have God’s wisdom, people will be glad when they see us (Ps 119:74), and they will seek us out (Ps 119:79)
| 11:1-43 | Solomon’s Downfall – the Love of Women
- vv1-3. Solomon loved 1,000 foreign women
NOTE: Nothing unbiblical about marrying someone of a different race. The issue is marrying someone of a different religion — unequally yoked
- vv4-13. Solomon served God half-heartedly
- v11. National consequences since Solomon was the King, and what the King does the people do
- v39. But nothing can thwart God’s plan to bless

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:
- Solomon contributed ~45 pages (4%) of the Bible’s content, yet he failed to heed his own advice. He was wise, but not prudent; a hearer, but not a doer of God’s word
- There is no balancing act between pleasing our spouse, pleasing others, pleasing ourselves, and pleasing God
- Rather, it is a priority act. God must come first before anything and everything— else we will not be able to put others before ourselves as we should

NEXT WEEK: 1Kings 12-16. The breakup of Israel into the northern (Israel) and southern (Judah) kingdoms