

# Growing Older & Wiser Bible Study VI: They Don't Always Listen – 1 Kings 12:4-20

## Opening Questions:

1) What's the difference between listening and hearing?

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2) Why would a person go to the trouble of asking someone advice if they have already decided what they want to do about a problem?

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## Going Deep:

1. What two things cause Jeroboam and the leaders of Israel to meet with Rehoboam at Shechem?

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2. Some of Rehoboam's decisions show wisdom and some do nothing. Which actions are wise and which actions are unwise?

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3. Solomon's advisors give Rehoboam advice that's designed to repair a shattered relationship between the Davidic monarchy and the people of Israel. Rehoboam's peers give him advice that feeds his ego. Why do you think Rehoboam rejects the first advice and follows the second advice?

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4. Why is it important for leaders to have advisors that are willing to share their view of how to resolve a problem even if they know the leader doesn't want to hear dissenting opinions?

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5. How can an advisor who has consulted God before giving advice maintain his/her integrity when someone they have advised does the complete opposite of what they've suggested?

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6. Today's lesson shows how stubbornness can lead people to block personal and community blessings from flowing where they are most needed. What are some modern day examples of how a believer's stubbornness can keep him/her from fully experiencing all the blessings God has for them and others?

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