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DRIFTING

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Part 1 of 2

1 Kings 4

INTRO:

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

YOUNG ADULTS

Will I ever get married?

Will I ever marry someone like my parents? Will I be able to retire?

Will I have a good job?

OLDER ADULTS

Will I be able to raise my children?

Will I be able to retire?

When will I die?

MY GREATEST FEAR IS THAT I MIGHT DRIFT FROM MY HEAVENLY FATHER.

Definition of DRIFTING: To be driven or carried slowly by a current.

Who is a candidate for drifting? ALL of us.

1 Kings 4:29-34 (NKJV)

1 Kings 10:23,24 (NKJV)

I. WHAT DID SOLOMON DO WHEN HE STARTED DRIFTING?

1 Kings 11:9 (NKJV) – God spoke to Solomon twice.

1 Kings 11:2 (NKJV) – He married someone that God said Do not marry!

1 Kings 11:1 – He did the same thing many times.

HE KNEW THAT WHAT HE WAS DOING WAS WRONG BUT HE DID IT ANYWAY.

II. WHY WAS THIS HIS START TO DRIFTING?

1 Kings 11:2 (NKJV) – “... *you shall not intermarry with them nor they with you. For surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods...*”

III. WHERE DID SOLOMON DRIFT TO?

1 Kings 11:26-8 (NKJV)

- He built places of worship for false gods

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- He worshipped false gods.
- His heart turned from the Lord.

IV. WHAT HAPPENED TO SOLOMON BECAUSE OF HIS DRIFTING?

1 Kings 11:9-11 (NKJV)

- God became angry with Solomon.
- God took Solomon's kingdom away.

V. HOW DOES DRIFTING START?

- It starts with a thought.
- Then a decision (attitude)
- Then it consumes our behavior.

Drifting becomes a:

S tandard
O perating
P rocedure

VI. HOW DO WE STOP DRIFTING?

1. We must dig our heels in the sand and bear the force of the current.

Lessons to learn:

- Wherever you decide to dig your heels in is where you will begin to feel the pressure at full force.
- The farther downstream you dig in, the swifter the current.
- The farther downstream you dig in, the more hopeless you feel about standing in the current.

2. You have to cry out for help.

3. Someone has to throw you a rope.

Peter Lord: "When your desperation factor exceeds your embarrassment factor you are a candidate for the grace of God."