

# *“Getting To The Heart Of God’s Story”*

Week 14

Mark 3:25; 1 Kings 12-16

“A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand!”

1. Build Unity by staying close to God. (Solomon was not careful to stay close to God. Division resulted.)
2. Build Unity by being careful who you listen to. (Rehoboam was careless with whom he got advice. Division resulted.)
3. Build Unity by choosing a humble heart. (Rehoboam had a proud heart. Division resulted.)
4. Build Unity by owning your part. (Solomon, Rehoboam and Jeroboam all contributed to the problem. Division resulted.)
5. Build Unity by being conscious of your ripple effect on others. (Rehoboam and Jeroboam did not care about the ripple effect. Generational division resulted.)

## **Application:**

1. Solomon’s family division began with drifting from God. What are you doing to stay close to God? What are you doing as a family to stay close to God?
2. Israel was divided by Rehoboam listening to some bad advice. What are sources from which we might be getting advice? How will you determine if the advice you are getting from friends, family and church is good advice or bad advice?
3. Read 1 Kings 12:6-16 and James 4:6 What did Rehoboam do that evidenced a proud heart? How can we guard against pride? How can we cultivate a humble heart? (Phil 2:3-5)
4. Read Matthew 7:3-5. What does Jesus teach in this passage about dealing with conflict and division?
5. What did Jesus mean in Mark 3:25? Can you share a ripple effect that caused division in a family or a church? What can we do to be conscious of the effects of our choices to promote unity and not division?