

Stubbornness is no joke

1 King 22

- I. Who we seek – Ahab resisted asking God’s counsel (1 Kings 22:1-9).
 - A. Ahab realized he couldn’t trust Aram (1-3; 20:34).
 - *Past decisions have present consequences.*
 - B. Ahab asked King Jehoshaphat to help (4-5)
 - C. Ahab grudgingly agreed to ask Micaiah’s counsel (6-9).
 - *We naturally seek advice we want to hear.*

- II. Who we heed – Ahab refused to follow God’s counsel (1 Kings 22:10-28).
 - A. The paid prophets– They said Ahab would win (10-12).
 - B. The true prophet – God’s prophet Micaiah sarcastically pretended to agree (13-16).
 - C. Micaiah’s warning – Ahab will be defeated if he goes to battle (17-27).
 - D. Ahab rejected Micaiah’s warning of defeat (26-28).
 - *God lets us believe what we want to believe.*

- III. How we pay – Ahab died as a result of rejecting God’s counsel (1 Kings 22:29-40).
 - A. Ahab goes to war in disguise trying to stay alive (29-33).
 - B. A random arrow hits Ahab, killing him (34-36).
 - C. Dogs licked up Ahab’s blood as God said (37-38).
 - D. Ahab had a few accomplishments, but was judged for his many sins (39-40; 1 Kings 16-22).
 - *God’s sovereign plan is inescapable once we ignore his counsel.*
 - *God offers wisdom if we want it (James 1:5)*