

When things seem out of control

1 Kings 1

- I. Adonijah and his allies – The scheming opportunist makes a power play (1 Kings 1:1-10).
 - A. King David was old and debilitated (1-4).
 - B. David's son Adonijah schemed to seize power by recruiting David's key officials as allies (5-9).
 - C. Adonijah hosted a party to declare himself king (9-10).
 - God's sovereign plans will encounter evil opposition.

- II. Nathan and Bathsheba – The loyal prophet informs David of the threat (1 Kings 1:11-27).
 - A. Nathan, God's prophet reported the plan to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother (11-14).
 - B. Bathsheba and Nathan corroborate a story to motivate David to act (15-27).
 - God's sovereign plans are accomplished as his people take action – even if not perfectly.

- III. David and Solomon – Alarmed David declares Solomon king just in time (1 Kings 1:28-53).
 - A. David affirms to Bathsheba that Solomon will be king (28-31).
 - B. On David's orders Solomon is anointed King (32-40).
 - C. Adonijah realizes his lost cause and pleads for his life from Solomon (41-53).
 - God's sovereign plans will not be thwarted.