

## True Strength

### 1 Kings 2

- I. Put God first – David gave final words to Solomon about strong leadership (1 Kings 2:1-12).
  - A. Obey God – Solomon must personally commit himself to follow God (1-4).
    1. A strong man pursues God with absolute obedience (1-3a).
    2. A spiritually strong man experiences God's blessings (3b-4).
  - B. Address evil - Solomon must deal with spiritually dangerous men (5-12).
    - Joab (5-6) and Shimei (7-9) must be punished after David dies (10-12).
- II. Do hard things – Solomon had courage to do what was needed to protect God's people (1 Kings 2:13-46).
  - A. Executing Adonijah – Dealing with a threat to the throne of Israel (13-25)
  - B. Dismissing Abiathar – Disciplining a spiritual betrayer (26-27)
  - C. Executing Joab – Following through on a long overdue justice (28-35)
  - D. Executing Shimei – Following through on a clearly forewarned justice (36-46)