



Week 22:  
**You Don't Have to Be  
Who They Were**

**Scripture Focus: I Kings 14:21 - 16**

**Key Passage: 1 Kings 15:11-15 (ESV)** “9 In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa began to reign over Judah, 10 and he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 11 And Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as David his father had done. 12 He put away the male cult prostitutes out of the land and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 He also removed Maacah his mother from being queen mother because she had made an abominable image for Asherah. And Asa cut down her image and burned it at the brook Kidron. 14 But the high places were not taken away. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was wholly true to the Lord all his days. 15 And he brought into the house of the Lord the sacred gifts of his father and his own sacred gifts, silver, and gold, and vessels.”

**Main Point:** “Your faith’s potential is not determined by your family history.”

### **Ezekiel 15:19-20 (ESV)**

19 “Yet you say, ‘Why should not the son suffer for the iniquity of the father?’ When the son has done what is just and right, and has been careful to observe all my statutes, he shall surely live. 20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

## 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Joshua 24:15 (ESV)**

“15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

**Principle #1:** “You don’t get to choose where you were \_\_\_\_\_, but you get to choose what kind of person you will \_\_\_\_\_.”

God gives you the power to \_\_\_\_\_ obedience.

**Principle #2:** Your \_\_\_\_\_ can alter the trajectory of your family.

“Do not underestimate the power of a \_\_\_\_\_ obedient life.”

## NOTES

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