

Shine, Part Two - Shining Authenticity

Real faith shines with authenticity.

Romans 12:9

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

1 John 1:6

If we say we have fellowship with him and yet keep on walking in the darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth.

John 4:24

“For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

1 Kings 14:21-31

Rehoboam son of Solomon was king in Judah. He was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel in which to put his Name. His mother's name was Naamah; she was an Ammonite. 22 Judah did evil in the eyes of the Lord. By the sins they committed they stirred up his jealous anger more than those who were before them had done. 23 They also set up for themselves high places, sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every spreading tree. 24 There were even male shrine prostitutes in the land; the people engaged in all the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites. 25 In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt attacked Jerusalem. 26 He carried off the treasures of the temple of the Lord and the treasures of the royal palace. He took everything, including all the gold shields Solomon had made. 27 So King Rehoboam made bronze shields to replace them and assigned these to the commanders of the guard on duty at the entrance to the royal palace. 28 Whenever the king went to the Lord's temple, the guards bore the shields, and afterward they returned them to the guardroom. 29 As for the other events of Rehoboam's reign, and all he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah? 30 There was continual warfare between Rehoboam and Jeroboam. 31 And Rehoboam rested with his ancestors and was buried with them in the City of David. His mother's name was Naamah; she was an Ammonite.

Five Things that Left Rehoboam Polishing Brass

**1. He rejected the counsel of the elders.
(He had no mentor or discipler.)**

1 Peter 5:5

Young men... submit yourselves to the elders.

2. He surrounded himself with “yes” people.

(He had no accountability.)

Proverbs 27:6

The wounds of a friend are better than the kisses of an enemy.

3. He allowed his kingdom to be filled with compromise, while baring the name of the Lord.

(He had no standards, no commitment to holiness and integrity.)

4. He left the treasuries unguarded.

(He had no devotional life.)

5. He attempted to replace the genuine with the counterfeit.

(He had no concept of true worship.)

Romans 12:1

So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.

To shine, we must commit ourselves to an authentic form of faith. Anything less will leave us polishing brass.

Rehoboam Reversal

1. Seek out discipleship.

2. Be accountable.

3. Battle any form of compromise.

4. Commit to a daily devotional time.

5. Make everything worship.