

## IS HUMILITY REALLY NECESSARY?

### **KING REHOBOAM**

2 CHRONICLES 12:6

**Day 5**

How many times have I tried to convince myself that I had all the answers? How many foolish words have I spoken in defense of my arrogance in having all the answers? King Rehoboam disregarded the good counsel of the experienced Godly men in his government, and he paid serious consequences that lingered for 500 years, and eventually brought down the governments of Israel & Judah. What a fool he was! How could a guy get so hung up on himself that he would deliberately do the wrong thing to protect his personal power & control?

In Rehoboam's case as well as in our lives, God has to often bring pressure upon us so that we will turn to him. I hate to admit it but, if the pressure had not come from an attacking Egyptian army, Rehoboam would have probably kept up his foolish ways. So would we all. Let's be honest; I would rather run my own life & chart my own path. When I have done that, my life has come unraveled. God is just waiting for me to tell Him I am powerless, that I need Him, that He is the only solution to what I am facing. That is not an admission that I am a worthless piece of meat. I am a child of the living God; I was made in the very image of God. I was never created to function apart from God; it does not work. I need Him for every step I take.

He wants to hear it from me, "Lord, I belong to You; I am special to You; I am wonderfully made by You; However, I cannot make it without You. I need You when I have to walk on the water. I need You when I get swallowed by a great fish. I need You if I must cross a big ocean on foot. I need You if I run out of food & water in the desert. I need You if those I trusted run away & desert me. I need You if a wicked queen is after me. I need You in my car, in my livingroom, in the arms of loved ones, in the church pew, & in my fears." Yes, being humble is necessary; it makes the crying of my heart clear. It tells God I am powerless & He is all-powerful. I need that kind of power; this life is too much for me.

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

1. How do you respond to the things of life to demonstrate that you have a humble heart & willing need for God?
2. What improvements need to be made in your life, so that God will see a humble, willing life, that He can guide, correct, & bless?

**A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.