

Unsung Heroes of the Bible

Micaiah-Courage to Speak the Truth

1 Kings 22

Intro:

- Matlock and Jury Duty
- Background of Text:
 - Marriage of Jehoram and Athaliah to unite the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah.
 - The King of Israel (Ahab) and the King of Judah (Jehoshaphat) are worlds apart in thinking, closeness to God, and integrity.
- (Vs 3-4) Ahab takes advantage of kinship to get involved in a land grab war.
- (Vs 5) Jehoshaphat's one request.
 - Why are we reluctant to ask God first? We are afraid of what He will say.

I. 400 Echo Chambers of Affirmation

- (Vs 6) The "Yes Men" of Ahab
 - (Vs 11) Zedekiah the Horned Prophet!
- Why did Ahab like these religious prophets so much?
 - Confirmation Bias (2 Tim 4:3-4)

II. The 1 Lone Voice of Truth

- (Vs 7-8) The Discernment of Jehoshaphat and the calling forth of Micaiah
- (Vs 13) The Big Temptations of Micaiah
 - Told to agree with others
 - Ashe Conformity Experiment
 - Conformity is easier, and more profitable
- Our Temptations are similar
 - Don't want to upset others
 - We don't want to "rock the boat"
 - We are afraid of what it may cost us in this world

III. Telling Unpopular Truth to an Ungrateful Man

- (Vs 14) Micaiah and the power of conviction
- (Vs 15-17) Sarcasm and "You can't handle the truth!"
- (Vs 18-23) The Parable of the Lying Spirits
- (Vs 24) The Slap heard in the Heavens

IV. Consequences, are they worth it?

- (Vs 24-28) Micaiah is slapped, humiliated, and put in prison.
- What would you be willing to endure for the sake of the truth?
- John 12:25 and the difference between "Psyche" and "Zoe"
- Outcome for Micaiah, but what if different? Still worth it?

V. Take Aways

- Are we willing to share the truth no matter how unpleasant it may be?
 - "Emperor has no clothes!"
- Are we willing to hear the truth no matter how unpleasant it may be?
 - The Good and Bad side of the Gospel Invitation
- What cost are we willing to pay of the truth?
 - Martin Luther's Stand

Conclusion:

- Middle school sexual education and the parent who spoke up for abstinence

