



# KING OF MY HEART

## King of My Heart - Week 1

### Message Discussion Questions

#### Introduction:

This week Chance begins a new series with a message based on our plan at Grace to read the Bible in a year: Kings Message "King of My HEART". We all want to say that God is the King of our Heart, are you sure, is He really? Have you surrendered your heart to Him, are you all in?

#### Questions:

1. Why did Israel want their own king, what was wrong with that attitude? As Israel's king what was the problem with Ahab's desire and offer to buy the vineyard that belonged to Naboth? How was this typical of Ahab's life? 1 Samuel 8:4-9; 1 Kings 21:1-2
2. How did Naboth respond to Ahab's offer? What justification did Naboth give to refuse Ahab? What was Ahab's reaction to Naboth's reply, did he act like a king? 1 Kings 21:3-4
3. Do you ever face the same battle as Ahab, to either A) follow God or B) follow your own desires? How is this the battle of back and forth as to who is the king of your life, the king of your heart?
4. How is Ahab acting like a pouting child? What's wrong with how Jezebel acted on his behalf? Did Naboth 'curse God' as she accused him? 1 Kings 21:5-14
5. What should have happened with Naboth's vineyard after he was killed? Shouldn't Ahab have questioned what happened to Naboth? How was Ahab taking possession of Naboth's vineyard adding evil to evil? 1 Kings 21:15-16

6. How did Elijah confront the wickedness of Ahab? Did Ahab expect to see Elijah in the vineyard? Did Ahab ever get the vineyard that he desired? What did God do to punish Ahab and Jezebel for their sin? Do you ever do things to manipulate things in your favor at someone else's expense like Ahab? 1 Kings 21:17-26
7. What was God's response to Ahab humbling himself? Is this surprising given what you know about Ahab? How was delaying Ahab's punishment evidence of God's mercy towards a repentant heart? 1 Kings 21:27-28

**Key Takeaway:** *Where do you see yourself in this story?*

- a. When we look at this story, most often put themselves in Naboth's shoes/position. We think about all the negative things that happen to us.*
- b. Or we put ourselves in Elijah's shoes, and it's our job to call out the evil in someone else.*
- c. But we are far more reluctant to put ourselves in the shoes of Ahab or Jezebel, because that means we need to do some examinations of our own hearts.*

**Summary:**

- Ahab defied God and wanted a vineyard that wasn't his
- Naboth refuses because it was given to him by God
- We all face the battle of the back and forth of who is the King of our lives
- Ahab was pouting and Jezebel intervenes and accuses Naboth of cursing God
- Ahab claimed the land because it was owned by an executed criminal (falsely)
- Elijah confronts Ahab directly
- Ahab humbled himself and God delayed His judgement