

Ahab's Family Killed - 2 Kings 10:1-17

Topics: Approval, Challenge, Children, Death, Example, Family, Fear, Friendship, Loyalty, Murder, Promises, Prophecy, Rebellion, Relationships, Serving, Swearing, Teamwork, Zeal

Open It

1. Whom would you want to raise your children should something happen to you and your spouse?
- * 2. What are some of the ways that politicians form alliances?

Explore It

3. When Joram and Jezebel were dead, what threats to Jehu's kingship still remained? (10:1)
4. What challenge did Jehu issue to the elders and guardians of Joram's children? (10:2-3)
5. Why were the officials in Samaria afraid of Jehu? (10:4)
6. Instead of mounting a defense, what message did the officials send back to Jehu? (10:5)
7. What request of the officials did Jehu make by return message? (10:6)
- * 8. Why were all of Joram's potential heirs in one place and vulnerable? (10:6)
- * 9. What action did the guardians take against their charges? (10:7-8)
- * 10. For which violent acts did Jehu take responsibility, and which ones did he lay at the feet of the people? (10:9)
11. Who was guilty of what? (10:9-11)
12. How extensive did Jehu plan to make his cleansing of Israel? (10:10-11)
13. What citizens of Judah were included in Jehu's purge of Israel? (10:12-14)
14. Whom did Jehu meet while en route to Samaria? (10:15)
15. How did Jehu see his various actions against the house of Ahab? (10:16)

Get It

- * 16. In what way does shared guilt bind people together?
17. What was effective about Jehu's strategy of telling Ahaziah's officials to prepare to defend their master's dynasty?
- * 18. Why was it shrewd for Jehu to let others do some of the killing?
19. In our day and age how do people show "zeal for the Lord"?
20. Besides fulfilling Elijah's prophecy, what pragmatic purpose did Jehu have in destroying all of the family, friends, and allies of Ahaziah?
21. How would you feel if you were appointed by God to carry out a judgment against someone else?

Apply It

- * 22. As a Christian how can you free yourself from people who want to control you with shared guilt?
23. What tasks can you delegate among fellow family members, church members, or employees so that individuals have more of a sense of ownership in the enterprise as a whole?