SOLOMON: THINKER, BUILDER, LEADER, KING "Second Chance and Significant Purpose" II Samuel 12:1-24

1 Chronicles 29:25, "And the LORD made Solomon very great in the sight of all Israel and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel."

1 Kings 4:29-30, 32-34

²⁹ And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, ³⁰ so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. ³² He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. ³³ He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish. ³⁴ And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom."

1 Kings 10:23, "So King Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king on earth."

Psalm 51:3, "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me."

Psalm 32:3-5

- ³ When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.
- ⁴ Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.

My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. ⁵ Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

I. Second Chance (David and Bathsheba)

- 1. <u>All sins are covered by the cross; no sin is too big for God to forgive</u>.
- 2. <u>Second chances come with penitent hearts</u>.
- 3. God's ways are unorthodox in order to display His grace and glory.

II. Significant Purpose (Solomon)

1. <u>Regardless of your beginning, God has a purpose for your life</u>