

## Wisdom Calling

### Description

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Proverbs 8:1-14

One of the great consequences of pride in Israel, one that cost national division and eventually destruction, was the story of Rehoboam as told in 1 Kings 12. After his father, Solomon, passed away, the people came to Rehoboam asking for labor reforms. He got counsel from his father's wisest advisers, who had learned wisdom from Solomon, who was renowned for his wisdom, but Rehoboam refused to heed their advice. Instead, he listened to the counsel of his brash young friends.

Rehoboam's lack of wisdom combined with pride and arrogance cost him and his kingdom greatly. If only he had listened to his father's words in Proverbs and sought wisdom. Solomon also wrote words that would prove prophetic in his son's life: "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18).

I wonder how many times we could have avoided pain in our lives if only we had humbled ourselves and sought wisdom from our heavenly Father? The beauty of God's grace is that we still can—it is not too late.

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