



LIFE GROUPS

Series: Men and Their Caves

Scripture: 1 Kings 22

Date: June 17 & 18, 2017

—[LET'S START]—

- Group together with one or two others and share about a positive “fatherly” experience you had with an influential man/father-figure in your life.
- Share with this smaller group what you see as some of the sources of today’s spiritual attacks on the role of men in our society.

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Quickly skim through 1 Kings 21 to get a sense of the type of people and leaders Ahab and Jezebel were. Share your impressions with the group. Take turns and read aloud 1 Kings 22 by the following sections: verses 1-28, 29-40, 41-50 and 51-53. After having read the entire passage, retell the section you read in your own words to the group.
2. Micaiah was under a lot of pressure when summoned to the King of Israel to prophesy for him. Take a look at 1 Kings 22:13 and read what the messenger tells him. Contemporize the setting and create a current illustration that would have similar pressures that would be easier for us to understand.
3. Dale quotes Henry David Thoreau saying, “If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.” Whose drumbeats are wanting to influence your steps? How do you sense these influences?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- What is personal integrity? As Dale said, there can be a price to speaking the truth. The important thing is to speak God's truth and not represent our opinion as His truth. Whether you are a man or a woman, use some of your "Cave" time to pray and think about what God has already said so you can speak His truth with grace and love.

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- Marriage, families, friendships, the economy, the environment, the church, the community and the nation wins, when men behave the way God intended them to behave.
- 1 Kings 22 provides the account of the prophet Micaiah and King Ahab. It is a story showing Micaiah living courageously during a very dark time in Israel.
- Micaiah was under pressure to make a prophecy that the king wanted just like all the other prophets. He demonstrated moral courage in stating God's truth. The prophecy included the death of the king.
- Dale shared the account of Hugh Latimer who was to preach before King Henry VIII of England. He felt a great responsibility to share a message that God had laid on his heart but knew it was a message that the King would not want to hear. He spoke God's message and Henry the VIII did not have him executed but respected his boldness.

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