

## TRUTH TELLING AND A DEAD KING

### 1 KINGS 22:1-38

The Crime: Micaiah is jailed for speaking the truth.

The Investigation: When King Ahab decides to go to war, Zedekiah and his other prophets tell him what he wants to hear: he will be victorious. The prophet Micaiah, however, risks his life to speak the whole truth: Ahab will die in the battle. Ahab jails Micaiah for this revelation, and then tricks the King of Judah into wearing his kingly attire while Ahab disguises himself.

☐ **Monday: Read 1 Kings 22:1-6.**

Who do you turn to for advice when you're making big decisions?

Are they truth-tellers, or do they tell you what they know you want to hear?

☐ **Tuesday: Read 1 Kings 22:6-9.**

When have you had the courage to seek wisdom that might challenge a popular or deeply held opinion? Who do you trust to tell you God's truth?

☐ **Wednesday: Read 1 Kings 22:10-14.**

What kind of lies are most appealing?

How have you felt pressure to downplay your convictions or go along with the crowd?

☐ **Thursday: Read 1 Kings 22:15-28.**

How do you test whether a message is truly from God?

What voices in your life do you need to be more discerning about right now?

☐ **Friday: Read 1 Kings 22:29-38.**

What happens when we try to manipulate a situation to avoid consequences?

What is the difference between striving for control and trusting God?

☐ **Saturday: Read Ephesians 4:15.**

How can you become someone who seeks, speaks, and responds to truth with grace and courage?

The Verdict: You cannot fool or outwit God. While God's truth may be clouded for a time, ultimately, it will prevail. While Ahab fools the opposing army, he cannot stop his demise with a wayward arrow. God's judgment comes to pass.

**The Lesson: Surround yourself with and listen to those who will speak the truth. With their help, discern and follow God's will.**