

LIONS, LIES, AND A BROKEN ALTAR

1 Kings 13:1-34

The Crime: A man of God is dead, killed by a lion.

The Investigation: A man of God confronts King Jeroboam on his worship of idols, and at first refuses to ignore God's instruction to avoid associating with those worshipping idols. However, a prophet from Bethel catches up with the man of God, and with a claim to also know God's will, lures the man of God to disobey God's instruction. As a result, the man of God is mauled and killed by a lion.

☐ **Monday: Read 1 Kings 13:1-5.**

When have you felt called to speak up or take a stand for God or for what is right, even when it was risky? How did you know it was the right thing to do?

☐ **Tuesday: Read 1 Kings 13:6-10.**

Do you think God sometimes gives specific instructions? Why or why not?
How do you respond when obedience to God feels inconvenient?

☐ **Wednesday: Read 1 Kings 13:11-19.**

Who are the voices in your life you listen to most?
How do you tell the difference between godly wisdom and misleading influence?

☐ **Thursday: Read 1 Kings 13:20-26.**

What consequences (big or small) have you experienced when you or others compromised on something you knew God was asking? What did God teach you in the moment?

☐ **Friday: Read 1 Kings 13:27-34.**

What is our accountability in moments where we may mislead or harm others, even unintentionally?

☐ **Saturday: Read 1 John 4:1-6.**

What helps you discern God's voice from all the other messages you hear in a day?

The Verdict: Spiritual deception is real. Sometimes those who deceive us even speak from places of influence or power and seem trustworthy or spiritually authoritative. The consequences of listening to these voices, however, can be severe. God is gracious, and at the same time God's holiness calls us to right living and accountability for our own discernment.

The Lesson: Beware those who claim authority but seek to mislead. Test everything against God's truth.