



DAD'S CLASS

BEING A FAITHFUL FATHER
AND SHEPHERDING YOUR FAMILY WELL.

WEEK ONE

COMMIT: DETERMINE YOUR COURSE

TEACHING NOTES:

WEEK 1 TO DOs:

- Homework for Week 2
- Deuteronomy 6 Family Commitment - *Make a date with your wife to reflect on and discuss Deuteronomy 6:1-9. Discuss your desire to commit your family to the teachings of Deuteronomy 6. Celebrate the wins and refocus on the growth areas. The goal is to walk away united in your commitment and philosophy of parenting.*

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7 TODAY

TIMES	COMMUNICATION	ROLE	GOAL
MEAL TIME	FORMAL DISCUSSION	TEACHER	ESTABLISH VALUES
DRIVE TIME	INFORMAL DIALOGUE	FRIEND	INTERPRET LIFE
BED TIME	INTIMATE CONVERSATION	COUNSELOR	BUILD INTIMACY
MORNING TIME	ENCOURAGING WORDS	COACH	INSTILL PURPOSE

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Take a minute to introduce yourselves to each other.
 - a. Gender and age of your kids?
 - b. Career?
 - c. How long have you been at Watermark? How did you get here?
 - d. What motivated you to take the class?

2. How would you describe how you were parented? Were your parents:
 - a. Lenient or overbearing?
 - b. Fearful or risk-takers?
 - c. Persistent in guiding you toward a specific belief system, or did they let you follow your own path?
 - d. Angry or withdrawn in conflict?
 - e. Able to set healthy boundaries?

3. What is the biggest parenting issue you are facing right now?

4. Do you live authentically in front of your kids?

5. What part of parenting most concerns you in terms of what other people think?
Why are you concerned with the way others perceive you in this area?

6. What is one simple step you can take this week to lead your family better than you have previously?



HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 2

You are going to take a big picture snapshot of Solomon's life as you study God's Word this week. The truths from these passages are significant as you seek to lead your family toward God and away from idols that capture your heart. Pray, read, study, and apply.

1. Read 1 Kings 3:3-14.

a. Describe Solomon's heart for God as a young man.

b. What things did he do that showed his full devotion to God?

c. What did God promise to give Solomon if he followed hard after Him?

2. Read 1 Kings 10:14-11:11.

a. Pay special attention to what Solomon accumulated in v. 10:14-11:3. List out those things that captured his heart.

b. What were the consequences of Solomon's wandering heart in v. 11:1-11?

3. Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20.

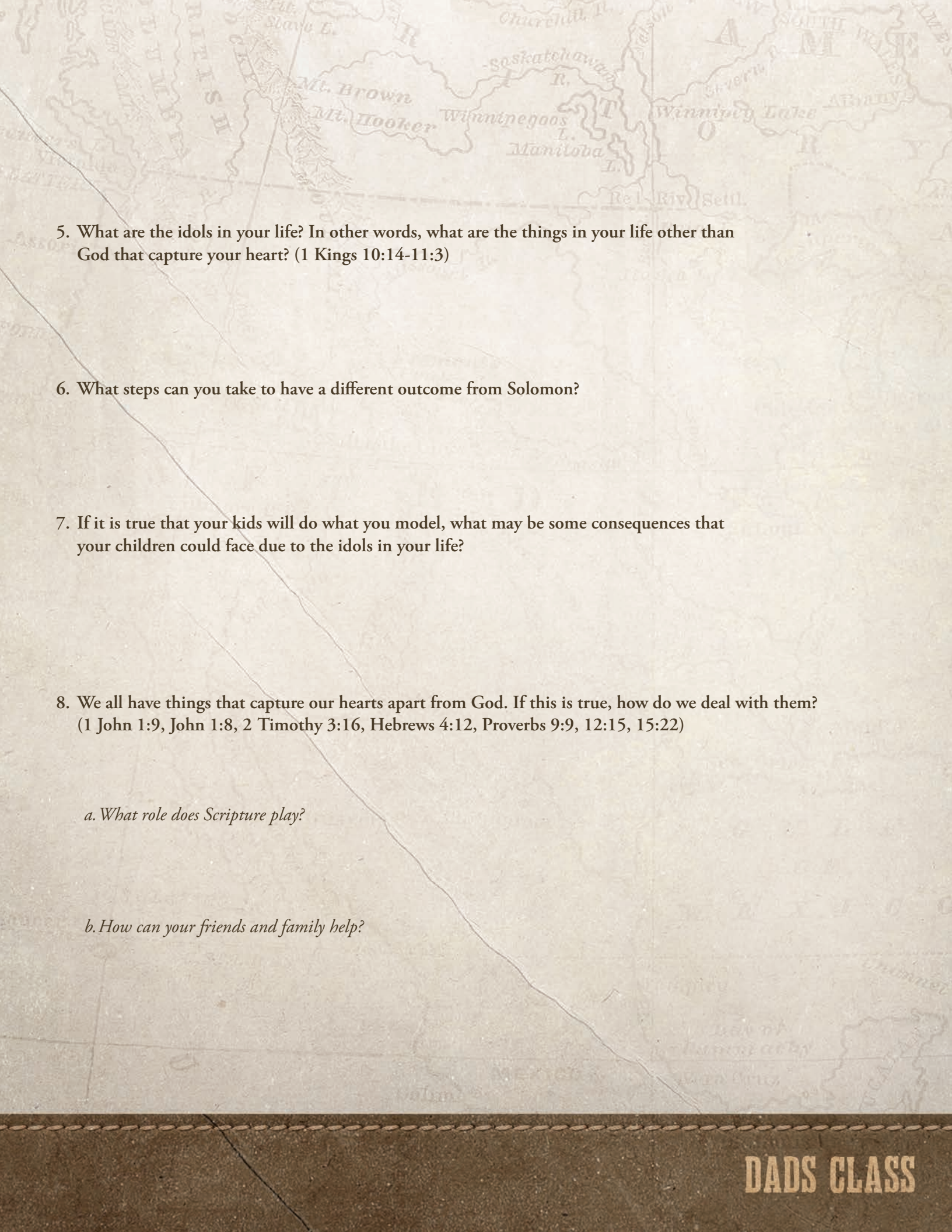
a. What 3 things does Moses warn the future King about in v. 16-18?

b. Remember back to I Kings chapters 10-11. What were 3 of the things Solomon accumulated?

c. What does Moses encourage the future king to do in order to protect himself and his kingdom in Deuteronomy 17:18-20?

4. Since God has established you as the leader of your household, how does daily reading of God's Word protect you? (Deuteronomy 17:18-20)

a. What does your time in the Word look like today?

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5. What are the idols in your life? In other words, what are the things in your life other than God that capture your heart? (1 Kings 10:14-11:3)
6. What steps can you take to have a different outcome from Solomon?
7. If it is true that your kids will do what you model, what may be some consequences that your children could face due to the idols in your life?
8. We all have things that capture our hearts apart from God. If this is true, how do we deal with them? (1 John 1:9, John 1:8, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, Proverbs 9:9, 12:15, 15:22)
- a. What role does Scripture play?*
- b. How can your friends and family help?*