

WILLFULNESS TO WILLINGNESS

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1 Kings 1:5-7

5 Now Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, "I will be king." So he got chariots and horses ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him. 6 (His father had never interfered with him by asking, "Why do you behave as you do?" He was also very handsome and was born next after Absalom.) 7 Adonijah conferred with Joab son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, and they gave him their support.

- Adonijah, 4th son of David
- Approx. 35 years old at this point, most likely the eldest living son
- Believed he was the rightful heir to the throne
- BUT, God's choice wasn't Adonijah, it was Solomon
- His failure to surrender his will, his way, his desires—cost Adonijah his life

"Reality is what you can count on. It's what you run into when you're wrong." – Dallas Willard

"Willfulness is our attempts to impose our own ideas on others, establish our own agenda, and control everything around us. Willingness is to accept and enter into what *is* actually happening, to 'rest into' what is God's will and plan for you today." – Ruth Haley Barton

Jesus as our ultimate example...

Matthew 26:39

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."