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SUMMER

Rescue Party

I Kings 1:31-40 (CEB)

31 Bathsheba bowed down with her face to the ground. She honored the king and said, "May my master King David live forever!" 32 King David said, "Bring me Zadok the priest, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah, Jehoiada's son." They came to the king, 33 who said to them, "Take with you the servants of your masters. Put my son Solomon on my mule and bring him down to Gihon. 34 There Zadok the priest and the prophet Nathan will anoint him king over Israel. Blow the ram's horn and say, 'Long live King Solomon!' 35 You will follow him. He will enter and sit on my throne, and so he will succeed me as king. I have appointed him to become ruler over Israel and Judah." 36 Benaiah, Jehoiada's son, responded to the king, "Yes, may it happen as the Lord, the God of my king, says. 37 Just as the Lord was with my master the king, so may he be with Solomon. May his throne be even greater than the throne of my master King David." 38 Zadok the priest, the prophet Nathan, Jehoiada's son Benaiah, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites went down and put Solomon on King David's mule. They led him to Gihon. 39 Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. They blew the ram's horn, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" 40 All the people followed him playing flutes and celebrating. The ground shook at their noise.

THINK IT OVER

When you study the Scriptures, what are you looking for?

Three Lenses (or Views) of Approaching Scripture:

1) Micro: _____

2) Mezzo: _____

3) Macro: _____

God shows us how to use our own power by how he deals with us throughout history and foremost in how he loves the world through Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.

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How do you use your power in your everyday life?

1) Passive - submissive. These folks go with the flow. Cause no waves but surf them all with a “No Ideas” Surfboard.

2) Passive - aggressive. Seems like they go with the flow with their yes, but they show you their real answer with their attitude and behavior. Outwardly compliant; inwardly rebellious.

3) Passive - sufferer. Seems like they go with the flow, but there is a ticking time bomb being assembled. These folks have graduated from the school of martyrdom.

4) Assertive - controlling. My way or the highway.

5) Assertive - adaptive. The unique people know how to use power and when to relinquish it. They inwardly know and openly share their goals and values, and they are just as interested in the uniqueness and perspectives of others.