

# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER

## **2 Chronicles 1:7-12 (ESV)**

*<sup>7</sup> In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>8</sup> And Solomon said to God, “You have shown great and steadfast love to David my father, and have made me king in his place. <sup>9</sup> O LORD God, let your word to David my father be now fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. <sup>10</sup> Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?” <sup>11</sup> God answered Solomon, “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may govern my people over whom I have made you king, <sup>12</sup> wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like.”*

## **Big Idea**

There is a big difference between demanding things from God and asking Him in humility. In today's scripture passage, Pastor Jonathan noted that King Solomon knew how to ask something of God. It was only after worship and the reading of the Word that he was adequately prepared to ask. He also knew what to ask. Because his heart was right with God, it was easy to ask the Father for the right thing. Finally, he knew who he was asking for. For himself, it was what he needed to complete the task—but it was also for the good of God's people!

## **Discussion Questions**

- What impacted you most about today's video teaching?
- Think about your current prayer life: How are you asking God to answer your prayers? Are your prayers more like demands?
- How did Solomon's request line up with God's will?
- Read James 4:3. How can we be guilty of praying selfishly? What is the difference between selfish and selfless when we are asking God for something for ourselves?
- Which of Pastor Jonathan's stories excited you the most? What are some ways God is encouraging you to put action to your prayers?

**Prayer Focus**

Evaluate whether any of your highest priority prayers are purely selfish and confess that to the Lord. Meditate on today's scripture passage and ask God to show you where you can get in on what He is doing in our church and community.

**Next Step**

Find out what local mission opportunities are available to you through the Liberty Missions Center or your campus pastor. Start thinking missionally about your family and neighborhood, too. Which of your passions might God be leading you to use for His glory?