***More* People Like Us with Problems Like Ours**

Zedekiah ~ The Cost of Rebellion

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5 Truths about Rebellion

1. **Rebellion is not new to God. He knows where it comes from and where it leads.**

2. **Eventually rebels make stupid decisions (Zedekiah)**

   2 Chronicles 36:11-13 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. He did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD. He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God. He stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD, the God of Israel.

   Our arrogance sets us up to make stupid decisions, decisions that defy common sense.

3. **Rebels bargain and even pray, but rarely surrender**

   Jeremiah 21:2 "Inquire of the LORD for us, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is making war against us. Perhaps the LORD will deal with us according to all his wonderful deeds and will make him withdraw from us."

   Rebels eventually have two options…

   1. Decide to Surrender
   2. Be forced to Surrender

   Jeremiah 21:2-7

4. **Rebellion isolates us, but it never insulates us**

Rebellion doesn't insulate you from the consequences.

5. **Rebellion does not insulate us from God**

For Personal Reflection

Are you currently rebelling? What do you need to do in order to repent? Quit that job? Get out of that environment? Cancel that trip? Give up that habit? Get out of that relationship? Go home? Come clean?