THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

AS YOU READ CHAPTER 13

Journal your answers to these questions as you read through the chapter this week. You may wish to read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

1. If the LORD offered you anything you wanted, what would you ask for? Why?

2. Solomon was only 20 when he became king. One of his first acts as king was to ask God to give him wisdom. The Queen of Sheba traveled a long distance to experience the wisdom of Solomon, because it was so great. Who do you go to for wise advice? How can you take better advantage of those relationships?

3. At the beginning of the chapter, Solomon is humble, and looks to God for everything. By the end of the chapter, he is using political power and slave labor to maintain his reign. What led to this change? How did Solomon's promise to stay faithful to God go astray?

4. Pages 179-183 are excerpts from Solomon's wisdom in the book of Proverbs. Have you ever read through Proverbs? If so, what aspects of the wisdom stood out to you the most? Pray that you could put them into practice through God's guidance.

5. Despite Solomon's choice to follow other gods, God still shows mercy to Solomon in the end (p. 192). Why do you think God still deals kindly with Solomon? Have you seen God's mercy show up in your life despite your own failings? When?

6. God's people have finally become established in the land during Solomon's reign. During that time, God's presence moves from the Ark of the Covenant to an established temple, accessible to only the high priests. In Jesus Christ, access to God no longer has restrictions (Hebrews 10: 19-22). What does it mean to you to have a "full access pass" to God because of what Jesus has done?

PRAYER

God,
Thank you for the abundance You provide in my life. Help me know the ways that You have already made me rich beyond measure. Grow me in wisdom more and more each day to discover and fulfill the purpose to which You have called me. Amen.