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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

**As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.**

*1 Kings 11:4*

## Too big to fail?

King Solomon had it all going for him. He was the son of Israel's greatest king and assumed the throne after his father, David. When he asked for wisdom to be a good king, God made him the wisest man in the world. He had the great honor of building the temple. God blessed him so richly that he, his wisdom, and his wealth became the envy of the world. He had everything going for him thanks to God who had given it all to him.

But no matter how wise and richly blessed by God, Solomon was still tempted and fell into sin. 1 Kings 11 reads like a rap sheet of sins that Solomon had committed against God. His status as the king of God's people and the wisest man in the world didn't mean he was immune to temptation.

Neither are we. Each and every Christian faces temptation. The Bible tells us that the devil is like a lion. We are his prey, and he hunts us daily with temptation to ignore what God says and do whatever we want. On our own, we are not too big to fail.

But here's the good news. Because Jesus died for us, there is forgiveness for each and every sinner. That includes Solomon. That includes you. So cling to Jesus. He says, "Take heart, your sins are forgiven." Go to him for strength to fight temptation, because while we are not "too big to fail", Jesus our Savior from sin is. He is always—and will always—remain by your side.

### PRAYER:

**Dear Jesus, every day I am tempted to go against what you want. Forgive me for falling into temptation and give me your strength to fight it. Amen.**