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1. Jeroboam instigated a rebellion against Rehoboam just as he had tried to do against Solomon, only now it worked. In what ways was Jeroboam acting sinfully as he stirred up this rebellion? How did Rehoboam's response make things worse? What lessons can we learn from this disastrous interaction?
2. The tribes of Judah and Benjamin remained loyal to the Davidic throne and were justified to fight against Ephraim (Northern Rebels), yet God stopped them. Why do you think God didn't want them to "fight against your brothers"? Consider what role God's covenants to Abraham and David might play.
3. When Jeroboam became king what caused him to instantly launch into idolatry and build illegitimate temples and appoint illegitimate priests? What reason does he give the people to convince them not to worship in Jerusalem?
4. Jeroboam claims the golden calves are the gods which led the people out of slavery in Egypt and into freedom. What false gods are held up in our world today? When have you falsely attributed blessings/freedoms/gifts/acts of salvation to things which are not God? Why can it be so easy for us to let ourselves get duped into worshipping false Gods?
5. Jeroboam strongly experiences God's judgement and God's healing, and yet he does not heed the words of God. Are there places in your life where this has happened or is happening? What would it look like for you to humbly obey God rather than doubling-down on your disobedience?
6. Close by spending time in prayer for forgiveness for any sins of disobedience and idolatry, for courage to act rightly before God, and also praise God for being the true God who led his people from slavery to freedom.

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