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- King David's physical decline and the care given to him. 1 Kings 1:1-4

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- Adonijah's attempt to ascend to the throne. 1 Kings 1:5-53
 - Adonijah took a page from Absalom's playbook with the chariots and 50 men to run before him.
 - King David, Adonijah's father, never held his son accountable for his actions.
 - Assuming that the son of Abigail was no longer alive, Adonijah would have been next in line for king according to birth order. (2 Samuel 3:2-5)

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 - Adonijah enlisted the support of Joab, David's commander in chief and Abiathar, one of the priests.
 - Zadok, the other priest, Benaiah, commander of David's bodyguards, Nathan the prophet and the rest of the "mighty men" (the 30) remained loyal to David.

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 - Adonijah, also following the pattern of Absalom, invited his brothers and the leaders of Judah to a great feast.
 - Notable exclusions were Nathan the prophet, Benaiah commander of David's bodyguard, the mighty men, and Solomon.

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 - Nathan the prophet learned of Adonijah's coup attempt, alerted Bathsheba, instructed her to approach the king and promised to support her.
 - Bathsheba's interaction with the king indicated that David had named Solomon as his successor. (see 2 Chronicles 22:6-16)

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 - Bathsheba pointed out that Adonijah's actions were taken without the knowledge of the king.
 - She also pointed out that this action would place both her and Solomon in a precarious situation.
 - Nathan came from the perspective that perhaps David had decreed this without sharing this knowledge with his loyal servants.

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 - David acted immediately and again recounted that he had indeed sworn to Bathsheba by the LORD at some earlier time that Solomon would follow him as king. (Deuteronomy 17:15; 2 Samuel 12:24)

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 - David called Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah together and instructed them to take Solomon and establish Solomon as king.
 - Have Solomon ride on David's mule.
 - Take him to Gihon which was the spring supplying the major source of water for the city and therefore a very public place.

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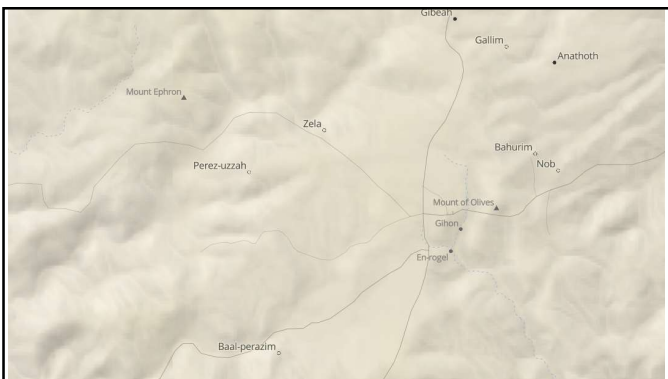
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 - David called Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah together and instructed them to take Solomon and establish Solomon as king.
 - Zadok and Nathan were to anoint Solomon as king there.
 - They were to blow a trumpet and loudly proclaim Solomon as king.

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 - David called Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah together and instructed them to take Solomon and establish Solomon as king.
 - They were then to escort him to sit on David's throne.
 - Benaiah expressed for all that they were in full support of king David and his successor, Solomon.

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 - When David's commands were carried out, the city erupted in celebration.
 - The party ended for Adonijah when the people there heard the uproar in the city and the trumpet blast.
 - Jonathan, son of Abiathar, came with the news that Solomon has been anointed king and even David had bowed down to him.

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 - The party guest scattered quickly.
 - Adonijah went and sought sanctuary at the Tabernacle which was a few miles away at Gibeon. (see Exodus 21:14)
 - Solomon sent word that if he would act in a worthy manner, he had nothing to fear.
 - Adonijah then came and paid homage to King Solomon and Solomon sent him to his house.

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Lessons

- We need to assess situations with our head and our heart.
- Children not held accountable for their actions often grow into adults with a skewed view of real life.
- God chooses the place people will have in his kingdom.
- Make decisions with discernment.

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