

1. The nature of failure: ungodliness.
 - a. Many ways that leaders can fail.
 - b. Scripture sums up the failure: ungodliness.
 - c. Effectiveness ultimately flows from godliness.
 - d. Ungodly leaders will fail.
2. The cause of failure: testing. (3:4-12)
 - a. The test of trouble
 - b. The test of decision.
 - c. “Remember your creator in the days of your youth.”
3. The result of failure: horror. (3:21-27).
 - a. Jehoram’s folly.
 - b. The horror of the war
 - c. The horror of failed leadership.
4. The escape from failure: the Holy Spirit. (3:13-20).
 - a. Who will show us goodness
 - b. Elisha’s strange illustration: the musician
 - c. A king with a heart tuned to the Lord