

TIMELESS



AN **UNCHANGING** GOD
IN AN **EVER CHANGING** WORLD

COME AS YOU ARE.

After Solomon turned to other gods, everything fell apart.



It wasn't fine.

The Kingdom was split. The kings, Rehoboam and Jeroboam, were actual disasters - worshiping other gods and completely disobeying. Yet we see God consistently pursue them. Though they (and subsequent kings) were a total mess, God continued to want to restore them. He continued to want to love, use, teach, and redeem Israel.

Like Rehoboam and Jeroboam, God's not waiting for us to get our lives together. He's pursuing us even as we run from him. While there may be discipline and consequences for utter disobedience, He is and always has been a "come as you are" God. And we, in turn, strive to be truly "come as you are" people.

IN THE BIBLE.

1 Kings 12:13-14

Rehoboam spoke harshly to the people, for he rejected the advice of the older counselors 14 and followed the counsel of his younger advisers. He told the people, “My father laid heavy burdens on you, but I’m going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!”

1 Kings 12:28-30

28 So on the advice of his counselors, the king [Jeroboam] made two gold calves. He said to the people, “It is too much trouble for you to worship in Jerusalem. Look, Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of Egypt!”

29 He placed these calf idols in Bethel and in Dan—at either end of his kingdom. 30 But this became a great sin, for the people worshiped the idols, traveling as far north as Dan to worship the one there.

2 Chronicles 12:15

The rest of the events of Rehoboam's reign, from beginning to end, are recorded in [The Record of Shemaiah the Prophet] and [The Record of Iddo the Seer,] which are part of the genealogical record. Rehoboam and Jeroboam were continually at war with each other.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Romans 3:22-24

22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

QUESTIONS.

1. What does the term "come as you are" mean to you?
2. In what ways do we see God as a "come as you are" God in the Bible?
3. How can you be a part of making sure The Point continues to be a safe place for people to come as they are?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?