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## When God Turns A Mess Into A Message I Kings 3:23-28

This incident is used by God to show He had given Solomon the wisdom he had requested as king. – **3:9**

When you look at the text:

- These two women were harlots, prostitutes. – **3:16**
- These two women lived in a house together; they both delivered a son within three days of one another. – **3:17, 18**
- One mother who was cruel, selfish, and heartless laid on her newborn child, and it died. – **3:19**
- She took her dead child and replaced it with her room-mate's child. – **3:20**
- The real mother knew that was not her child. – **3:21**
- The real mother of the baby was willing to sacrifice her motherhood for the life of her child. – **3:26**

What can we learn from this story?

**Mothers are not perfect – 3:16**

- These two mothers were harlots.

**Mothers have problems – 3:24-25**

- The king was going to decide by dividing the child in two.

**A good mother will sacrifice for her child – 3:26**

- The real mother would rather see another woman raise her child than see it split in two.

**God specializes in messes; he can turn your mess into a message. – 3:28**

- If there are pieces of your past that you cannot let go, maybe it is because God is pushing you to turn your mess into a message.
- Your mess will encourage others. – II Tim. 4:7-8

**This lesson is to encourage you that no matter how low you get.**

**No matter what you have done.**

**There is nothing too great that the blood of Jesus cannot wash clean.**

**You cannot surprise someone who knows your story from the beginning to the end.**

**God can turn your mess into a message!**