1 Kings 11:
28 Jeroboam was a very capable young man, and when Solomon saw how industrious he was, he put him in charge of the labor force from the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, the descendants of Joseph.

29 One day as Jeroboam was leaving Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh met him along the way. Ahijah was wearing a new cloak. The two of them were alone in a field,
30 and Ahijah took hold of the new cloak he was wearing and tore it into twelve pieces.

31 Then he said to Jeroboam, “Take ten of these pieces, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I am about to tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and I will give ten of the tribes to you! 32 But I will leave him one tribe for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel.
33 For Solomon has abandoned me and worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians; Chemosh, the god of Moab; and Molech, the god of the Ammonites. He has not followed my ways and done what is pleasing in my sight. He has not obeyed my decrees and regulations as David his father did.
34 “ ‘But I will not take the entire kingdom from Solomon at this time. For the sake of my servant David, the one whom I chose and who obeyed my commands and decrees, I will keep Solomon as leader for the rest of his life.”
35 But I will take the kingdom away from his son and give ten of the tribes to you.  
36 His son will have one tribe so that the descendants of David my servant will continue to reign, shining like a lamp in Jerusalem, the city I have chosen to be the place for my name.

37 And I will place you on the throne of Israel, and you will rule over all that your heart desires.

40 Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam, but he fled to King Shishak of Egypt and stayed there until Solomon died.

1 Kings 12:  
1 Rehoboam went to Shechem, where all Israel had gathered to make him king.

2 When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of this, he returned from Egypt, for he had fled to Egypt to escape from King Solomon.  
3 The leaders of Israel summoned him, and Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel went to speak with Rehoboam.  
4 “Your father was a hard master,” they said. “Lighten the harsh labor demands and heavy taxes that your father imposed on us. Then we will be your loyal subjects.”  
5 Rehoboam replied, “Give me three days to think this over. Then come back for my answer.” So the people went away.
6 Then King Rehoboam discussed the matter with the older men who had counseled his father, Solomon. “What is your advice?” he asked. “How should I answer these people?”
7 The older counselors replied, “If you are willing to be a servant to these people today and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects.”
8 But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers.
9 “What is your advice?” he asked them. “How should I answer these people who want me to lighten the burdens imposed by my father?”
10 The young men replied, “This is what you should tell those complainers who want a lighter burden: ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist!
11 Yes, 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!’”
12 Three days later Jeroboam and all the people returned to hear Rehoboam’s decision, just as the king had ordered.
13 But Rehoboam spoke harshly to the people, for he rejected the advice of the older counselors 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!”
15 So the king paid no attention to the people. This turn of events was the will of the LORD, for it fulfilled the LORD’s message to Jeroboam son of Nebat through the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh.

2 Chronicles 13
1 Abijah began to rule over Judah in the eighteenth year of Jeroboam’s reign in Israel.
2 He reigned in Jerusalem three years...Then war broke out between Abijah and Jeroboam.
3 Judah, led by King Abijah, fielded 400,000 select warriors, while Jeroboam mustered 800,000 select troops from Israel.

4 When the army of Judah arrived in the hill country of Ephraim, Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim and shouted to Jeroboam and all Israel: “Listen to me!

5 Don’t you realize that the LORD, the God of Israel, made a lasting covenant with David, giving him and his descendants the throne of Israel forever?

I had broken free of the constraints of my little neighborhood, and now I was on my own to experience a grand adventure. I felt like a somebody, even on a big, blue, girl's Schwinn bike. With saddlebags!
As I crossed the railroad tracks and then rumbled over a small creek on a single-lane bridge. The bridge, made of wood and steel, was no big deal.

But on that day long ago it became a bridge too far.

As I began to cross, four teenage boys stepped onto the far side of the bridge. I intended to pass on by. They had other things in mind.

One of the boys grabbed my handlebars and spun my bike to an abrupt stop.

"Hey, where do you think you're goin'?" he snarled, as another boy chimed in, "Yeah, kid, where ya goin'?" Instantly I knew they intended to beat me up.

I was petrified. I couldn't fight or break free to run, so I stood there frozen.

Suddenly one of the bullies asked, "What's your name?" I answered him in a high-pitched preadolescent, quivering voice, "Terry Wardle."

The three remaining teenagers got a bit silent and looked at one another nervously.

"Are you related to Tom Wardle?"

Tom was a much older cousin, who happened to play defensive end on the high school football team.

But I lied and told them Tom was my brother. They immediately backed off.

One of the boys straightened out my shirt, and started saying, "Hey, we were just funning you. No harm. You're a
great kid, and ... if anyone ever gives you any trouble, you tell us and we'll take care of you."

Terry said he learned very fast that in life – it’s who you know

Ephesians 1:5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Eph 1:5...This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.
Psalm 73:23 Yet I still belong to You; You hold my right hand. 24 You guide me with Your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny.

Genesis 28:15 - "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."
Psalm 32:8 - I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Proverbs 15:3 - The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Deuteronomy 32:10 - In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye.

Psalm 121:8 - The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

"Passing the Oral Board is the culmination of 10 years of medical school, residency, and practice.

If I were to include the college years and premed studies, the total would be 20 years.

My decision to enter medicine in part was to follow Jesus, to heal the sick and to ease the suffering.

As an anesthesiologist, I have the crucial role in putting patients to sleep and to revive them later.

Although the patients may not be aware of my presence during their surgery,

I constantly monitor and watch over them, not just the operative part but the entire patient.

This reminds me of how our Lord watches over each and every one of us, even though we may not be aware of His presence.
Isaiah 49:14–16
14 Yet Jerusalem says, “The Lord has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us.”
15 “Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!

Isaiah 49:16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

Ephesians 1:7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.
Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit...

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5 Don’t you realize that the LORD, the God of Israel, made a lasting covenant with David, giving him and his descendants the throne of Israel forever?
Yet Jeroboam son of Nebat, a mere servant of David’s son Solomon, rebelled against his master.

Then a whole gang of scoundrels joined him, defying Solomon’s son Rehoboam when he was young and inexperienced and could not stand up to them.

“Do you really think you can stand against the kingdom of the LORD that is led by the descendants of David?

You may have a vast army, and you have those gold calves that Jeroboam made as your gods.

But you have chased away the priests of the LORD (the descendants of Aaron) and the Levites, and you have appointed your own priests, just like the pagan nations. You let anyone become a priest these days! Whoever comes to be dedicated with a young bull and seven rams can become a priest of these so-called gods of yours!

"But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not abandoned him. Only the descendants of Aaron serve the LORD as priests, and the Levites alone may help them in their work.

They present burnt offerings and fragrant incense to the LORD every morning and evening. They place the Bread of the Presence on the holy table, and they light the gold lampstand every evening. We are following the instructions of the LORD our God, but you have abandoned him.

It is time for the church to rediscover the preeminence of the Word and to value the teaching of the Word.

We need to value truth over feeling. Truth over emotion.
And what we are seeing now is the result of the church raising up influencers who did not supremely value truth who have led a generation who also do not believe in the supremacy of truth.

And now those disavowed leaders are proudly still leading and influencing boldly AWAY from the truth.

12 So you see, God is with us. He is our leader. His priests blow their trumpets and lead us into battle against you. O people of Israel, do not fight against the LORD, the God of your ancestors, for you will not succeed!”

If you fight us - you fight our God - and you will not win.

13 Meanwhile, Jeroboam had secretly sent part of his army around behind the men of Judah to ambush them.

14 When Judah realized that they were being attacked from the front and the rear,
Then the priests blew the trumpets,
15 and the men of Judah began to shout. At the sound of
their battle cry, God defeated Jeroboam and all Israel and
routed them before Abijah and the army of Judah.
16 The Israelite army fled from Judah, and God handed
them over to Judah in defeat.
17 Abijah and his army inflicted heavy losses on them;
500,000 of Israel’s select troops were killed that day.
18 So Judah defeated Israel on that occasion because they
trusted in the LORD, the God of their ancestors.

19 Abijah and his army pursued Jeroboam’s troops and
captured some of his towns, including Bethel, Jeshanah,
and Ephron, along with their surrounding villages.
20 So Jeroboam of Israel never regained his power during
Abijah’s lifetime, and finally the LORD struck him down and
he died.

God wins!