

Syria - Refugees driven from their homes.

US - 2 potential leaders: What is their integrity w/ power?

How do God's people navigate world systems?

The underlying concern? Idolatry!

## **1. MIXED LOYALTY MISUSES POWER**

### **\* Abusing Power**

- ~ Ahab **neglects** his power to lead faith & obey!
- ~ Jezebel in pride **seizes** power not hers to perpetrate evil!
- ~ City leaders & 2 scoundrels greedily **share** in evil power!

### **\* Betraying Allegiance/Loyalty**

**The stuff of Earth competes For the allegiance  
I owe only to the Giver Of all good things. R. Mullins**

- ~ Ahab follows evil b/c his allegiance to God is mixed.  
Idolatry fosters injustice & violence
- ~ Where do leaders neglect power? Where might you neglect power?  
Why is this a comforting story?

## **2. GOD RULES IN GRACE**

### **\* Judgement to Repent**

- ~ God desires us to repent & turn back to him. **2Peter 3:9**  
**And if I weep let it be as a man Who is longing for his home. R. Mullins**
- ~ It's God who lifts up rulers into their places. **Prov.21:1**  
Pray & so trust our God to accomplish his purpose!

### **\* Secure In Jesus**

- ~ Jesus died & rose to secure God's inheritance for us. **1Pt. 1:3-5**