The King that Time Forgot

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INTRODUCTION

- What about Asa? Why don't we tell our kids about Asa?
- Asa ruled 41 years. That's longer than David, longer than Solomon.

1 A Great First Fifteen Years of Faith

2 Chronicles 14:1–4; 2 Chronicles 14:9–11

- Asa did good and right in the sight of the Lord his God. For he removed the foreign altars and high places, tore down the sacred pillars, cut down the asherum.
- We're not just going to get rid of the things that don't belong, but we're going to start doing all the right things again.
- Lord, there is no one beside you to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength. So help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in you.
- As a reward for his good service, they entered into twenty years of peace.

2 A Closer Look at Those Last Six Years

2 Chronicles 16:1–4; 2 Chronicles 16:7–10; 2 Chronicles 16:12

- Because you have relied on the king of Aram, and have not relied on the Lord your God, therefore the army of that king has escaped out of your hand.
- Asa was angry with the seer and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him for this.
- Even in his disease, he did not seek the Lord but the physicians.
- What happened to a man who had tremendous spirituality in the early years and ended so terribly awry and poor?

3 Peace Produces Pride

Daniel 4:30–31

- He can accomplish more through peace than war ever thought about.
- We forget that every good thing we have is by the blessings of the God in whom we trust.
- Is this not Babylon the Great? Which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty.
- You can tell exactly where someone's faith is by the kind of pronouns that they use.

4 His First Phone Call Was Not God

2 Chronicles 16:2–3

- His first phone call was not God. It wasn't the Lord.
- God was incredibly displeased because in time of crisis he had forgotten where to go.

- Who is your first phone call? Who do you pick up the phone and call and say, I need help?
- If the answer is not God first and God's people second, then reevaluate where you are in your life tonight.

5 When You Stop Reading, You Start Drifting

Deuteronomy 17:18–19

- He shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes.
- Write it down. Get a personal relationship with the word.
- When you stop reading, you start drifting.
- When it came time to go to God, he had forgotten how to do so.

6 Three Quick Things

- Every day. Give God credit for who you are and what you have.
- Find faithful people you can trust and confide in them. Build Christian relationships. Ask the tough questions.
- Get a Bible that you feel connected to. Read it every day.
- If it's been longer than one day since you've read the book, your soul is already developing an appetite.

THE CHALLENGE

If we can help you be strong, make it right, or become a Christian. Put on a relationship with Jesus through baptism because that's what the Bible teaches. We're here for you.

MY NOTES