

CARE This Week...

November 24, 2024



King Asa Fails to Trust God

Scripture Discussed: 1 Kings 15:16-24; 2 Chronicles 16:1-13

We continued our study of King Asa of Judah. He started his reign well when he decided to follow God. He removed incense altars, idols and poles set up by those who wanted heathen worship. The king then encouraged the people of Judah to obey God's laws. In the 15th year of King Asa's reign, he called to the Lord for help when faced with fighting the army from Cush. 'Only the Lord can help the powerless against the mighty,' he declared. The Lord gave King Asa and the army of Judah the power to overcome their enemy. The army of Cush fled for their lives. In the 35th year of Asa's reign over Judah, the King of Israel was King Baasha. In the 36th year of King Asa's reign, King Baasha gathered his army and moved south to the border of Judah. Baasha's army took the city of Ramah and fortified it. They now controlled the border so no-one could go in and out of Judah. King Asa needed to recapture Ramah but knew that would be difficult while King Baasha had the support of the powerful King Ben-Hadad of Aram and his army. **Instead of asking God for help and trusting Him, Asa devised his own plan.** King Asa gave orders for the Temple treasury to be raided, and gold and silver to be gathered and sent to King Ben-Hadad of Aram as a bribe. The Temple treasure arrived in Damascus with a message from King Asa, 'Let there be a treaty between Judah and Aram. I am sending you silver and gold. Now break your treaty with King Baasha of Israel so he will have to withdraw.' Ben-Hadad took the gold and silver belonging to God and agreed a treaty. He immediately gathered his army to attack Israel. When Baasha heard that he was being attacked in the north he withdrew his troops in the south to defend his land. King Asa moved in to regain Ramah and plunder the building stones and timber Baasha had left. God was not pleased that Asa had robbed the Temple treasury. He sent the prophet Hanani to declare, 'Because you have relied on the King of Aram and have not relied on the Lord your God, *the army of Aram has escaped from your control, God gave you victory over the mighty Cushite army when you trusted Him and He always strengthens those who are fully committed to Him. You have done a foolish thing and from now on you will be at war.*'

King Asa was so enraged with God's message that he put the prophet Hanani in prison. 'Asa shows us the tragedy of a man who rules well and seeks the Lord for many years, yet fails in a challenge of his faith and then refuses to hear God's correction.'

We must trust the Lord with all our hearts and not try to solve problems on our own as King Asa did.

Bible Verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

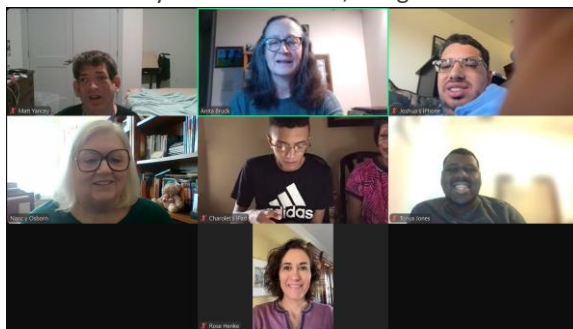
Life Application: I will trust God more than men or my own heart.

SATURDAY ZOOM CLASS

We had another great Saturday ZOOM Bible Study. Our lesson was, 'King Asa Fails to Trust God.'

If you or a friend are interested in joining this Zoom Class you are welcome!

Contact Anita at anita.bruck@huntersglen.org or call 972-867-1610, x2025 to be added to the list. **We meet every Saturday at 11:00 am!**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun, December 8th

CARE Birthday Celebration for Nov & Dec Birthdays

Fri, December 13th

CARE Christmas Party, 6:00 PM