

King Asa and Finishing Well 2 Chronicles 14 – 16

Asa relies on God. We can rely on Jesus.

“...yet because you relied on the Lord, He delivered them into your hand.” 2 Chronicles 16:8b

- **2 Chronicles 14:11** - *“Then Asa called to the Lord his God and said, “Lord, there is no one besides 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, and in Your name have come against this multitude. O Lord You are our God; let not man prevail against You.”*
- **2 Chronicles 16:8** - *“Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim an immense army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the Lord, He delivered them into your hand.”*
- **Luke 12:28** - *“But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you? You men of little faith.”*

Asa seeks God. Jesus seeks and saves us.

“...if you seek Him, He will let you find Him.” 2 Chronicles 15:2

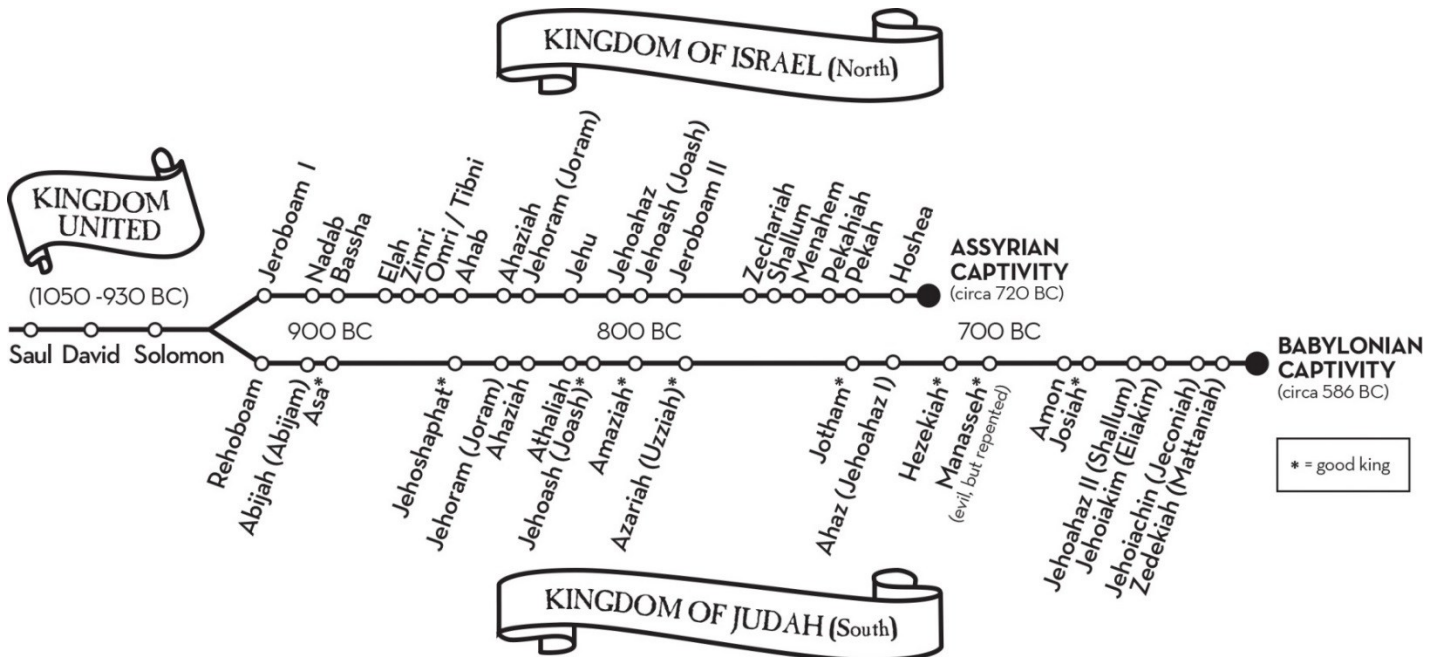
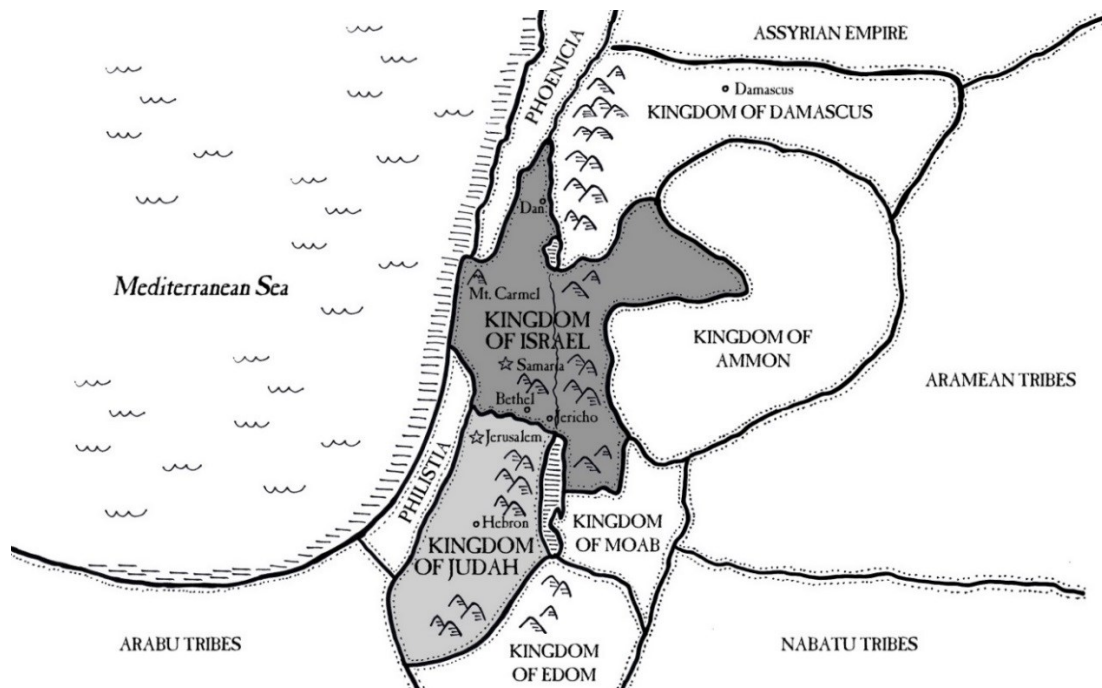
- The verb **“to seek”** occurs nine times in Asa’s story.
- **2 Chronicles 14:4** - Asa...*“commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers and to observe the law and the commandment.”*
- **2 Chronicles 15:2, 4** - *“...if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you...But in their distress they turned to the Lord God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He let them find Him.”*
- **Luke 19:10** - *“For the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which is lost.”*

Asa bypasses God to rely on others for success and health. Jesus never bypassed the will of the Father in the plan to redeem humanity.

“...you have relied on the king of Aram and have not relied on the Lord your God...” 2 Chronicles 16:7

- **2 Chronicles 16:7** - *“At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, ‘Because you have relied on the king of Aram and have not relied on the Lord your God, therefore the army of the king of Aram has escaped out of your hand.’”*
- **2 Chronicles 16:12** - *“In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa became diseased in his feet. His disease was severe, yet even in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians.”*
- **Matthew 26:39** - *“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.” Jesus didn’t bypass the will of the Father, no matter how difficult.*
- **Jesus must be the center of our life, not just the most important part of our life.**

Response: Take a moment to write down on the outline what you want the most in life. Then consider and reflect on how you spend your time, money and attention. Then reflect on how Jesus can grow into becoming what you want the most in this world in both desire and practice.



LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Discuss how King Asa did well at relying on God and seeking God but then faltered in his later years? Why do you think that happened? Why does that happen to people these days? What is this like for you personally? Refer to 2 Chronicles 14-16 for the story of Asa.
2. How do we make Jesus be the center of our life rather than just the most important part of our life?
3. How do you see Jesus as the fulfillment of all the ways that Asa succeeds and fails? How is Jesus the only truly righteous king?

NEXT STEPS:

1. **Come receive prayer during or after the service at a Prayer Point to fully surrender to Jesus as the King of your life.** For more information on discovering Jesus and salvation through Him, visit calvarylife.org/jesus
2. **Attend one of our Generous Living courses for help on relying on God in financial matters in your life.** Find out more and see a list of classes and resources by visiting calvarylife.org/generous
3. **If you didn't have time during the service, spend some time at home to journal on what you want the most in life.** Then consider and reflect on how you spend your time, money and attention. Then reflect on how Jesus can grow into becoming what you want the most in this world in both desire and practice.