



GUARANTEED: YOU WILL BE STRONG

THE EYES OF THE LORD RANGE THROUGHOUT THE EARTH... 2 CHR. 16:9

Week 2 of 9

ILL: a strong person / DECISION-MAKING / HAVING CHOICES V. MAKING CHOICES

We want to make choices but retain the power to choose **again**.

YOU CAN'T BUY GOD ON CREDIT / HE'S ALL OR NOTHING

No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Luke 16:13

GOD: You shall have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:3

FEAR: If we hand over everything to God will I be strong enough to continue

FEAR: If I hand my life to God doesn't that mean I'm weak?

REVIEW:

- God is more committed to us than we are to him.
- God is committed to giving us everything we need for us to become like Jesus.

TODAY'S PROMISE:

*If God has my **heart**, I have his **strength**.*

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

2 CHRONICLES 14-16 (P. 311)

David -> Solomon -> Rehoboam -> Abijah -> **Asa**

ASA'S LIFE, PHASE 1:

Life (14:1-8)

- He sought the **Lord**.
- The Lord gave **peace**.
- The nation prospered with **strength**.

Test (14:9-15)

- Asa found strength by taking a **faith risk**.
God had promised to fight their battles! / Asa is living by God's promises!

Lesson (15:1-7)

- "The Lord is with **you** when you are with **him**."
he was the anointed king / WE ARE ADOPTED CHILDREN / ANOINTED BY HIS SPIRIT!

ASA'S LIFE, PHASE 2:

Life (15:8-19)

- They sought God even **more**.
- The nation had peace for **25** years.
- There was even more **prosperity**!
good experience -> do MORE // ILL: PAPER FOR MRS. HINZ ('however's) sometimes you build on what you learned, sometimes you revert to what's easy

Test (16:1-6)

- Asa found strength by **buying off** an enemy with God's treasure!
Why? / GP: Have you ever seen God work but then choose to do the next on your own?

Lesson (7-9)

- Asa could have had **God's strength** at any moment!

If God has our hearts, we have his strength.

ASA'S LIFE, PHASE 3:

- Asa gets a foot disease but fails to **seek God**.

FINAL LESSONS FOR US:

- God wants to be **involved** in our lives.
- A committed heart still faces **temptation**.
- The strength we need is **always there** for us.

more than that, GOD IS CHASING YOU TO GIVE YOU STRENGTH!

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.

2 Chronicles 16:9