

Building Men

2 Chronicles 16:1-9

"Asa did what was right in the Lord's eyes, as his ancestor David had done...The high places were not taken away; but Asa's heart was completely devoted to the Lord his entire life." - 1 Kings 15:11-14

Main Point: The world desperately needs more men of God

Introduction: Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

Men are notorious for getting lost because they refuse to use a map. Are you a GPS user? Have you ever decided you knew better than the GPS and blazed your own trail?

Was, or is, there a man who influenced your life? Who and how so?

The Bible shows us examples of those who are true men of God, and they also show examples of men who followed the god of self. King Asa started off strong following God and seeking His direction in life, but as many do, Asa lost sight of God's will. Maybe you've been in the same boat and got lost for a season. You may have followed your own path and realized God's was better. But wherever you are in life it's never too late to get back on track as a man of God or as one who is building up men of God.

Read 2 Chronicles 16:1-9. The lessons we learn about men of God are:

1) **THEY REFUSE TO PANIC. Refer back to vv. 1-2.**

Relating to King Baasha building up a city to cut off Jerusalem, Pastor Erik said, "Satan is laying up siege works against your life to cut you off from the voice and blessings of God...to keep you from receiving anything from the Lord." How have you seen this play out in your life? What was your initial reaction in those circumstances?

Learning from Asa's reaction to the situation, what approach does the Lord desire in moments of panic? How can we better reflect God's heart when faced with difficulties?

How have you been panicking lately in your life, and what positive action steps can you take this week to rest in God's purpose and plan? Discuss how **Psalm 46:10** could be helpful

2) **THEY RESIST COMPROMISE. Read vv. 3-6.**

What promises of God did Asa compromise when dealing with King Baasha?

Proverbs 19:21 says “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” What plans have you made that compromised God’s plan for your life? How can you see God’s purposes looking back now?

Read **2 Corinthians 16:13**. How can we do better to stand firm in the promises of God when it comes to our direction and decisions?

3) **THEY OPERATE IN FAITH. Read vv. 7-9.**

How had Asa been foolish? What was his reaction when called out by God? Discuss how **Hebrews 11:6** applies here and to your own life.

King Asa was willing to lean upon the king of Aram by placing his confidence and trust in his abilities. How have you found yourself leaning on other people or even yourself instead of your faith in God?

Asa lost sight of the big picture and tuned God out of his life. Why is it so important that we “buckle our faith in Jesus on” as we face trials in this life?

Apply It:

Where is God telling you to get out of panic mode and let Him take the drivers seat? What areas of your life do you need to let go and let God? Discuss where each of your group members needs to resist compromise and turn away from the desires of the world and pray for one another.

Pray:

Lord we trust in you alone and lean on your wisdom, no matter what our circumstance. Holy Spirit strengthen us to resist compromise in this life and stand firm in your purposes. To you be the glory as we operate in faith. Amen.

Coming up at VillageChurch:

July 1-4: Getaway - Middle School Camp

July 8: Baptism

July 23-25: VBS 9a-12p

Aug. 12: VGroup Leader Meeting 11am in the Student Center