I Surrender Some

Greg Kline · 2 Chronicles 16:1–12

INTRODUCTION

- He was a good man who did not always trust in the Lord.
- Because you relied on the king of Syria and did not rely on the Lord your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you.
- Asa did not rely on God in time of war. Asa did not seek the Lord when even facing physical disease.

1 We Don't Like to Give Up Control

Genesis 12:1–4; Hebrews 11:8–16

- We don't necessarily trust that it's going to happen the way we want it to come out.
- By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called out to go to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out not knowing where he was going.
- When it comes to things that are a blessing to us, we do like to trust God.
- It's hard to go somewhere not knowing where we're going.

2 Times of Difficulty Shake Our Faith

Matthew 6:25–34

- Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body what you will put on.
- We're taking these moments that should make us think about God, to trust in God and realize what He has given us, we're focused on what we don't have.
- We don't need to be anxious about this life, because God will provide.
- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

3 We Think We Know What We Need

1 Samuel 8:4–20; Isaiah 55:8–9

- Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.
- For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.
- They wanted someone to go before them to fight their battles, to do their bidding, and they were willing to reject God as being king.
- Times of difficulty may shake our faith, but they only do so because we think we know what the solution is.

4 Take Perspective of This Particular Moment in Life

Genesis 37:23–28

- Where is Joseph finding himself at this particular moment in life? Down in a pit thrown by his own brothers.
- But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.
- Where was God when Joseph was in the pit? Where was God when Joseph was in prison? He was there with his servant.
- I need to know that regardless, my God is with me.

5 God Alone Brings Victory and Peace

2 Chronicles 16:7–9; Isaiah 25:1; Philippians 4

- We need to recognize that God alone brings victory and peace.
- Oh Lord, you are my God. I will exalt you, I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- Our trust is not dependent on our physical circumstances. Our trust is in Jesus who has already won the victory.

6 Take Perspective of Eternal Life

Mark 9:43–48; Hebrews 11:32–40

- There is nothing that is worth being separated from God forever.
- Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.
- It's not enough to trust God when things go well and he blesses us with physical gain. We must trust God all the time.
- This life will end. But eternity with God is forever.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you trust in Jesus? Will you trust that his way is best? Not just acknowledge it, but truly recognize that what Jesus has said will come to pass.**

MY NOTES