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E-votional 6

Seek the Lord

2 Chronicles 16:1-10

This story is rather interesting and clearly portrays what it is to seek God and what God desires of those who do seek Him. Here the Scripture says, "If you seek Him, He will be found by you," (2 Chronicles 15:2). Now, we know that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, as well as forever so it is important for us to discover a heart that truly seeks Him.

The character in this story is Asa, king of Judah. In his life, he truly sought the Lord and at other times did not. When we search the Scriptures, we can learn a lot by the times that this king did not seek the Lord and by this also what truly seeking the Lord looks like.

What if I was to ask you how you handle situations that come up in your life? Are you the type of person that has to have a solution that fits you? Or do you desire the solution that comes from some sort of professional?

The correct answer is neither of these. In 2 Chronicles 16:1-6, we see trouble come to Asa king of Judah but instead of seeking the Lord, Asa sought help from Ben-Hadad king of Syria by offering him silver and gold so that he would break his treaty with Israel. At that time the Kingdom of Israel was divided and Judah was separate from Israel. So Asa was paying Ben-Hadad to break his treaty with Israel and make one with him instead so that he would be safe from the trouble from Israel (2 Chronicles 16:1).

Basically, Asa king of Judah genuinely had an issue that needed to be solved. But he handled it the wrong way. Hear what a prophet sent from the Lord had to say in 2 Chronicles 16:7-8 (ESV),

*"At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him,
"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. Were not the Ethiopians and the*

Libyans a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the Lord, he gave them into your hand."

Now, if you had a choice to rely on yourself or someone else for the answer to your situation or God, which would you choose? I know the answer is obvious, but really, is it?

Sometimes, when we seek and rely on God, we may not like His answer or the help that He may provide. But hey, let's face it, as humans we are dramatically limited in our sight and knowledge. And sometimes our emotions and feelings even get in the way of our decision-making process. For this reason, we should seek and rely on a God who sees all and knows all and who is not limited by the same things that we are. Another point to remember is that God is good and actually wants to help you with whatever you are going through. But we must be ready to seek Him and then receive Him.

Are you ready to seek the Lord with all your heart? Or are you going to settle for a limited viewpoint?

2 Chronicles 16:9a (NIV),

"For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

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