

Kings of Israel *Finish Faithful*

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

2 Chronicles 15:1-8 NIV

The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded. ²He went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. ³For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law. ⁴But in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them. ⁵In those days it was not safe to travel about, for all the inhabitants of the lands were in great turmoil. ⁶One nation was being crushed by another and one city by another, because God was troubling them with every kind of distress. ⁷But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."

⁸When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Azariah son of Oded the prophet, he took courage. He removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah and Benjamin and from the towns he had captured in the hills of Ephraim. He repaired the altar of the LORD that was in front of the portico of the LORD's temple.

1. Start With God.
2. Stay With God.
3. Finish With God.

Conclusion: Asa reminds us that a strong beginning does not guarantee a faithful finish. Faithfulness isn't measured only by how we begin, but by whether we continue to trust God throughout every season. Start with God. Stay with God. And finish with God.

LIFE GROUP LESSON *Finish Faithful*

Week of August 16th, 2026- August 22nd, 2026

Ice Breaker: What do you think is harder: starting well or finishing well? Why?

Read 2 Chronicles 15:1-8.

1. What is the message from God to Asa and Judah? (v.2)
2. What is required of God's people to receive His favor? (vs.2))
3. What happened to Israel and how would that affect them? (v.3)
4. What did they finally do and how did God respond? (v.4)
5. What does this show you about continually seeking God?
6. Can you think of times you stopped seeking; what was the result?
7. What does this show you about God's heart when we turn back?
8. What was the warning of the world around them? (vs.5-6)
9. What do we see as the cause? (v.6) Why might that be?
10. What is the encouragement and command? (v.7)
11. What is the state of the nation? Why might they be tempted to give up? Have you been tempted to give up your faith? Why?
12. What keeps you strong and seeking?
13. How did Asa respond to these words? (v.8)
14. What did he do in response to this message? (v.8)
15. How has God's Word given you courage?
16. Read Matthew 6:33. Why is this command so important to our faith journey? What does it mean?
17. Read Colossians 2:6-7. What does it mean to be rooted in Christ? What happens if we are not?
18. Read 2 Chronicles 16:1-9. What happened and how did Asa respond? What was different this time, from earlier? (chap 14)
19. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12. What is the warning? What does it mean? Have you seen this or lived this?
20. Read John 15:4. What does Jesus call us to do? Why?
21. Read 2 Chronicles 16:10. How did Asa respond to the prophet?
22. Read 2 Chronicles 16:12. What happened and who did Asa consult? Where was his relationship with God. What should he have done? Read 1 John 1:9. Why is this important for us?
23. Read Hebrews 3:12-14. What is the exhortation? Why?

Point to ponder: Our hope isn't in our ability to maintain a perfect record. Our hope is in remaining close to the One who is always faithful.