

The Prophet Azariah Challenges the king ...

2 Chronicles 15:1-4 NLT

Then the Spirit of God came upon Azariah son of Oded, 2 and he went out to meet King Asa as he was returning from the battle. "Listen to me, Asa!" he shouted. "Listen, all you people of Judah and Benjamin! The Lord will stay with you as long as you stay with Him! Whenever you seek Him, you will find Him. But if you abandon Him, He will abandon you.

3 For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach them, and without the Law to instruct them. 4 But whenever they were in trouble and turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought Him out, they found Him.

How to make the search easier...

2 Chronicles 16:9 NLT

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth

In order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him...

✓ **True worshippers.**

John 4:23 NKJV

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the **true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.**

✓ **A people willing to be sent.**

Isaiah 6:8 NASB

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "**Whom shall I send**, and who will go for Us?"

Then I said, "**Here am I. Send me!**"

✓ **People to stand in the gap.**

Ezekiel 22:30 NKJV

...I searched for someone to stand in the gap...

✓ **People pursuing after God's own heart.**

1 Samuel 13:14 NKJV

...The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart...

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JESUS Is Coming To Town

The Azariah Challenge

A prophet's challenge to you for 2024 A.D....

1. **Start strong with the Lord.**

2 Chronicles 15:5-8 NLT

5 "During those dark times, it was not safe to travel.

Problems troubled the people of every land. 6 Nation fought against nation, and city against city, for God was troubling them with every kind of problem.

7 But as for you, **be strong and courageous, for your work will be rewarded.**"

8 When Asa heard this message from Azariah the prophet, **he took courage and removed all the detestable idols** from the land of Judah and Benjamin and in the towns he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. And **he repaired the altar of the Lord**, which stood in front of the entry room of the Lord's Temple.

2. **Stay passionate for the Lord even in peaceful times.**

2 Chronicles 15:2 NLT

The Lord will stay with you as long as you stay with Him!

3. **Seek the Lord in everything to the very end.**

2 Chronicles 16:11-13 NLT

11 The rest of **the events of Asa's reign, from beginning to end, are recorded** in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. 12 In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa developed a serious foot disease. Yet even with the severity of his disease, **he did not seek the Lord's help but turned only to his physicians.**

13 So he died in the forty-first year of his reign.

2 Chronicles 15:2, 4 NLT

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