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<sup>12</sup> In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the Lord, but sought help from physicians. <sup>13</sup> And Asa slept with his fathers, dying in the forty-first year of his reign.

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<sup>14</sup> They buried him in the tomb that he had cut for himself in the city of David. They laid him on a bier that had been filled with various kinds of spices prepared by the perfumer's art, and they made a very great fire in his honor.



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## 2 Chronicles 12:13-16

<sup>13</sup> So King Rehoboam grew strong in Jerusalem and reigned. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city that the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put his name there.



## 2 Chronicles 12:13-16

His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite. <sup>14</sup> And he did evil, for he did not set his heart to seek the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> Now the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last, are they not written in the chronicles of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer?

## 2 Chronicles 12:13-16

There were continual wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam. <sup>16</sup> And Rehoboam slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David, and Abijah his son reigned in his place.

## 2 Chronicles 14:1-8

Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land had rest for ten years. <sup>2</sup> And Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God.

## 2 Chronicles 14:1-8

<sup>3</sup> He took away the foreign altars and the high places and broke down the pillars and cut down the Asherim <sup>4</sup> and commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, and to keep the law and the commandment.

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<sup>5</sup> He also took out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the incense altars. And the kingdom had rest under him. <sup>6</sup> He built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest. He had no war in those years, for the LORD gave him peace.

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<sup>7</sup> And he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and surround them with walls and towers, gates and bars. The land is still ours, because we have sought the LORD our God. We have sought him, and he has given us peace on every side." So they built and prospered.

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<sup>8</sup> And Asa had an army of 300,000 from Judah, armed with large shields and spears, and 280,000 men from Benjamin that carried shields and drew bows. All these were mighty men of valor.

## 2 Chronicles 14:11-12

<sup>11</sup> And Asa cried to the LORD his God, "O LORD, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O LORD, you are our God; let not man prevail against you."



## 2 Chronicles 14:11-12

<sup>12</sup> So the LORD defeated the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

## 2 Chronicles 15:1-4

The Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded, <sup>2</sup> and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

## 2 Chronicles 15:1-4

<sup>3</sup> For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest and without law, <sup>4</sup> but when in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them.

## 2 Chronicles 15:8-15

<sup>8</sup> As soon as Asa heard these words, the prophecy of Azariah the son of Oded, he took courage and put away the detestable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities that he had taken in the hill country of Ephraim,

## 2 Chronicles 15:8-15

and he repaired the altar of the LORD that was in front of the vestibule of the house of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon who were residing with them,

## 2 Chronicles 15:8-15

for great numbers had deserted to him from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.<sup>10</sup> They were gathered at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.<sup>11</sup> They sacrificed to the LORD on that day from the spoil that they had brought 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep.

## 2 Chronicles 15:8-15

<sup>12</sup> And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul,<sup>13</sup> but that whoever would not seek the LORD, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether young or old, man or woman.

## 2 Chronicles 15:8-15

<sup>14</sup> They swore an oath to the LORD with a loud voice and with shouting and with trumpets and with horns. <sup>15</sup> And all Judah rejoiced over the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and had sought him with their whole desire, and he was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.



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3. Made preparations for counter-attacks by fortifying their cities
4. Committed themselves to worshiping the Lord.

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*An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, “If I have that, then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know I have value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.”*

**-Tim Keller**

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