

What God is ready to do

2 Chronicles 16

- I. Failing to rely on God – Asa paid Aram for help instead of trusting God (2 Chronicles 16:1-6).
 - A. When threatened by Israel King Asa bribed Syria to become an ally with money dedicated to God (1-3).
 - B. King Ben-Hadad broke his treaty with Israel and defeated them for Judah (4-6).
 - *Success is not proven by what we see but by what God sees.*

- II. What could have been – Asa is rebuked for not trusting God (2 Chronicles 16:7-9).
 - A. The prophet told Asa they could have defeated Aram if they had relied on God as before (7-8).
 - B. God is ready to show himself strong toward those who are fully devoted to him (9).
 - *Self-reliance can keep God from activating his power in our life.*

- III. Failing to repent – Asa lashed out in anger when rebuked (2 Chronicles 16:10-14)
 - A. Asa reacted to rebuke in anger – taking it out on the prophet and others (10).
 - B. God afflicted Asa with a foot disease, but he still did not seek God's help (11).
 - *We maintain lifelong fellowship with God only by being humbly teachable.*