

Building a Legacy

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Key Verses: II Chronicles 14 - 16

Legacy requires **BRAVERY**.

Legacy requires **HUMILITY**.

Legacy requires **CONNECTION**.

Legacy is not a “WHAT” but a “WHO.”

“When Abijah died, he was buried in the City of David. Then his son Asa became the next king. There was peace in the land for ten years. Asa did what was pleasing and good in the sight of the Lord his God. He removed the foreign altars and the pagan shrines. He smashed the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah poles. He commanded the people of Judah to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, and to obey his law and his commands. Asa also removed the pagan shrines, as well as the incense altars from every one of Judah’s towns. So Asa’s kingdom enjoyed a period of peace. During those peaceful years, he was able to build up the fortified towns throughout Judah. No one tried to make war against him at this time, for the Lord was giving him rest from his enemies. Asa told the people of Judah, ‘Let us build towns and fortify them with walls, towers, gates, and bars. The land is still ours because we sought the Lord our God, and he has given us peace on every side.’ So they went ahead with these projects and brought them to completion. King Asa had an army of 300,000 warriors from the tribe of Judah, armed with large shields and spears. He also had an army of 280,000 warriors from the tribe of Benjamin, armed with small shields and bows. Both armies were composed of well-trained fighting men.”

II Chronicles 14:1-8 NLT

What are my true colors?

- What do I really believe?
- Where do my loyalties lie?

What do others see in me?

- Are those around me blessed by my faith?
- Is what I believe being lived out?

Preparation for **WAR** comes during **PEACE**.

- What areas in our lives need to be fortified?

Your **PAST** doesn’t have to **DEFINE** your future.

Your **PAST** does not **DICTATE** who you become.

Jesus is in the business of **BREAKING CHAINS**.

Jesus is in the business of **USHERING IN FREEDOM**.

Building a legacy—lessons from King Asa:

He **LISTENED** and **OBEYED** the Lord. (II Chronicles 15:1-8)

- What idols need to be removed?
- Does the altar of the Lord (your heart) need repair?

He **GATHERED** with **OTHERS**. (II Chronicles 15:9-15)

- They **WORSHIPED** together.
- They were **UNITED**.

Encouragement to live by:

Run **EVERY PART** of the race well.

- Train, prepare, live with purpose (I Cor. 9:24-27)
- Strip off distractions, get rid of sin (Hebrews 12:1)

Rely on God **ALONE**. (II Chronicles 14:11)

- Numbers or circumstances don’t matter to God.

Do what is **RIGHT**—Even when others **DON’T**.

Challenge:

-What areas in my life need to be fortified?

-What idols do I need to remove?

-What is the Lord saying that I need to hear?

-What do I need to obey? (stop doing, start doing)

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