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2 CHRONICLES 27:1-6

STEADFAST LOVE

king Jotham is Uzziah's son. He did what was right in the eyes of God. What differentiates him from the other kings is his steadfastness in God. The Bible says that Jotham grew powerful because he walked steadfastly before the Lord his God.

A steadfast person is someone who is firm and determined in a belief and is convinced that what he is believing is right and he refuses to give up on it. False teachings will not influence a steadfast person as he knows the truth. To be steadfast in God, you have to read and understand God's word and put it inside your heart.

Do you know someone who has a steadfast love for you? GOD.

His love for you is steadfast and all His words are true. Whatever promise you are waiting on, God is faithful to fulfill it. Even when you feel alone, God is with you. Even when you can't see the full picture or when you can't feel His presence or when the waiting seems unending, rest in the steadfast love of your faithful God.

Key verse:

Psalm 26:3 For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

Prayer

Dear God, knowing that Your love for me is steadfast is more than enough for me because I know Your love will never waver. Thank You. Amen.





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2 CHRONICLES 28:20-25

STRAY FURTHER OR STAY CLOSER

Ing Ahaz sought for help from the king of Assyria, Tiglath-Pileser. Instead of helping him, Tiglath-Pileser gave him more trouble. However, this did not make Ahab turn to find God. Instead of humbling himself before God, he went further by trying to appease Tiglath-Pileser even more by giving more things from the temple and royal palace. Again, it didn't help him.

When people have problems, they may either stray further from God or stay closer to God. Problems do not necessarily drive people closer to God. Sometimes people allow such distresses to drive them away from God and they become more unfaithful to God.

Ahaz chose to seek for solution from people or things, instead of from the Maker of people and things. When you have a problem, don't stray further from God or put your hope in people to give you a way out.

God has got the whole world in His hand. Seek God who is way bigger than the world and stay closer to Him as He surely will help you.

Key verse:

Matthew 11:28
Come to me,
all you who
are weary and
burdened, and
I will give you
rest.

Prayer

Dear God, I want to stay closer to You all the time so when problems come, I will know what to do. Amen.





2 CHRONICLES 32:31-32

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TESTS OF FAITH

The king of Babylon sent some men from his kingdom, bringing letters and a present to Hezekiah after God healed him and extended his life for another 15 years. This is when God tested Hezekiah. God allowed this test to know exactly all that was in Hezekiah's heart. Would Hezekiah try to impress the messengers from Babylon more than his desire to please God?

Your test in school is one of the requirements for you to go to the next level. In this life, we also have to go through some tests. If you pass, you will go to the next level of faith in your journey with God.

God's primary purpose when He tests His children is to learn what is in their hearts. Through these tests, He is also revealing to us whether our faith and our love for Him are steadfast.

Key verse:

Proverbs 17:3
A hot furnace tests silver and gold. In the same way, the Lord tests a person's heart.

Prayer

Dear God, search my heart so that You will find me more and more pleasing to You from time to time. Thank You for Your love. Amen.





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2 CHRONICLES 33:1-17

TRUE REPENTANCE

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king. In contrast to his father, King Hezekiah, he did evil in the sight of the Lord. He built a temple for false gods, worshipped false gods, shed innocent blood and even made his son pass through fire.

God, through his prophet, warned Manasseh, yet he refused to listen. His stubborn rebellion led him to a dark prison cell in Babylon. When this happened, he realized he needed to seek for God's mercy and help. Manasseh prayed for forgiveness and humbled himself. The merciful God not only forgave Manasseh, but also allowed him to return home and resume his role as king.

Upon his return, King Manasseh proved his true repentance by removing the idols from the temple and restored proper worship to God and commanded the citizens of Judah to worship.

There is a way out from your sins. It is by confessing your sin and showing true repentance. True repentance is a change in your lifestyle from disobedience to your obedience to God. Do not dwell in your sin. Repent and show your true repentance!

Key verse:

Matthew 3:8
Prove by the way
you live that you
have repented
of your sins and
turned to God.

Prayer

Dear God, I'm confessing my desperate need for You. You have promised that if I confess my sin, You will forgive me. I truly need Your forgiveness and I want to repent from my sins. Amen.



2 CHRONICLES 34:1-7 & 29-33

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AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

King Josiah was the grandson of King Manasseh. He was a Godly king and known as one of the world's youngest kings. He began his reign when he was just 8 years old.

From a very young age, Josiah grew up and lived a life fully committed and obedient to God. Josiah properly responded to God's word. He restored the temple of God and reinstated the law of God. Josiah had the Scripture read to the people and made a commitment to live by it.

He reigned as a king at a very young age yet the Bible tells that there was no king like Josiah before or after him as He obeyed the Lord with all his heart, soul and strength (2 Kings 23:25). Such an inspirational life lesson to learn from Josiah! Josiah showed that although we are young, we can also set a good example for others.

Every child has an enormous potential to live for God and to have a great impact on people around him. No matter how young you are, it is never too early to start seeking after God and live a life that shows God's love.

Key verse:

1 Timothy 4:12
Don't let anyone
look down on
you because you
are young, but
set an example
for the believers
in speech, in
conduct, in love,
in faith and in
purity.

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for Your assurance that I am not too young to love You and to serve others. Use me to be the vessel of Your

love. Amen.



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2 CHRONICLES 36:15-16

GOD'S MESSENGERS

A fter many many years, the people in Jerusalem became more wicked and turned against God. God sent his prophets to them to remind them to repent. However, not only the people made fun of the prophets, they also despised their messages and refused to listen to God's word.

Prophets are God's anointed servants or messengers. They teach the truth and interpret the word of God. He calls the wicked people to repentance. He receives revelations and directions from God. So, when the people in Jerusalem ignored and rejected the messages God gave through His prophets, it meant they were rejecting God Himself, not the prophets.

God wants you and me to have full respect for His prophets and messengers. When He sends his messengers to you, it shows His love and compassion towards you.

Let's show respect to the people that God sends to us to remind and teach us about His word

Key verse:

Psalm 105:15
Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm.

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for the reminder that I have to respect my pastors and Sunday school teachers as they are the anointed messengers of Yours. Bless them abundantly.





WHEN A HEART IS MOVED BY GOD

Due to their continuous disobedience, God gave the people of Judah and Jerusalem into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. They lived in slavery for many years. They must have been so desperate and wondering when God would come and rescue them.

Then the Persian kingdom defeated Babylon. God moved the heart of King Cyrus of Persia to allow the people to return to their land and rebuild the temple of God.

King Cyrus was neither an Israelite nor a believer of God, yet God used him to set His people free. God has the power to move anyone's heart to come and help you when you need help, even someone whom you least expect to help you.

The same way, when God moves your heart to help someone, just obey and do it. You never know that your help might be the answer to his prayer. Your small act might be a great blessing for that person. When God moves people's hearts, it gives hope, joy and courage.

Key verse:

Proverbs 21:1
The Lord can
control a king's
mind as easily
as He controls
a river. He can
direct it as He
pleases.

Prayer

Dear God, touch and move my heart so that I live according to Your purpose and calling upon my life. Amen.

