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Bible Study

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Dangers of Substituting God's Strength with Your Own Strength

II Chronicles 16:7-14

II Corinthians 12:8, 9 read, *“Three times I begged the Lord to make this suffering go away. 9) But he replied, “My gift of undeserved grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak.” So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly brag about how weak I am.”* (CEV) These verses record the problem one New Testament leader experienced and the promise he made. No individual is born with a manual on how to handle life's many vicissitudes. However, those who are born again have God's Spirit living in them as a source of strength and power. This lesson is designed to examine mistakes in the life of King Asa and point out dangers of refusing to rely on God's strength.

Breakdown of II Chronicles Chapter 16

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| 1. The <u>Response</u> of Asa | Verses 1-6 |
| 2. The <u>Rebuke</u> for Asa | Verses 7-9 |
| 3. The <u>Rejection</u> by Asa | Verses 10-14 |

1. Refusing to rely on God's strength can lead to Emotional challenges for you.
Verse 10
“Asa became so angry with Hanani for saying this that he threw him into prison and put him in stocks. At that time Asa also began to oppress some of his people.” (NLT)

2. Refusing to rely on God's strength can lead to Social challenges for you.
Verse 10
“Asa became so angry with Hanani for saying this that he threw him into prison and put him in stocks. At that time Asa also began to oppress some of his people.” (NLT)

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