

Series: God and Kings

Sermon: Fix it On Your Own, Or Let God Win?

Bible Verses: 2 Chronicles 16

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King Asa was attacked by King Baasha. Baasha had a \_\_\_\_\_ position and had \_\_\_\_\_ Asa's country.

George Muller: The greater the difficulties, the easier it is for faith. As long as human possibilities for success remain, faith does not accomplish things as easily as when all natural prospects fail.

Before when Asa was facing an impossible situation he \_\_\_\_\_ God and called on Him \_\_\_\_\_!

This time, Asa worked out his own solution. He even \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish his own purposes.

King Asa \_\_\_\_\_ - big time.

**When we resolve a problem \_\_\_\_\_, or move forward without obeying God, we actually \_\_\_\_\_ our position - even if it doesn't feel like it at the moment!**

King Asa ends up being at war until the day \_\_\_\_\_, because he did not trust the Lord, and tried to \_\_\_\_\_ himself.

**God wants to be strong \_\_\_\_\_. His eyes are \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth, looking for people he can support (2 Chronicles 16:9)!**

George Muller ...each time we work a deliverance of our own, we find it more difficult to trust in God.

Matthew 6:32-33 the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

God knows *exactly* what \_\_\_\_\_ needs. Don't worry, I should have \_\_\_\_\_ that he'll give me what I need when I do things his way!

**Growth Group prep**

- Read Matthew 6:24-33. The pagans "run after" but Jesus followers do not. Why not, what is the difference? *And the difference is not that we don't want or need those things.*
- In Matthew 6, why does Jesus combine the concept of worrying with the idea of seeking God's Kingdom and righteousness? Aren't those two different things?
- Rephrase Matthew 6:31 for 2015. Would you keep the same things that Jesus said, or would you change the list? Why?
- Give one sentence that defines what it means to "seek first **his kingdom** and **his righteousness**?"