

You're in BIG Trouble **2 Chronicles 15:1-7**

Nearly all day long every day for several weeks, the news media is saying, “You’re in BIG trouble.” This onslaught of fear-based messaging has caused many people (even believers) to question why our current situation is happening. Yes, COVID-19 is a very real concern, which can lead to tragic results, but in the midst of this, God wants us to understand that He has always been our source of peace. When distress is prevalent in our culture, God wants to understand “why” so that we can find our way back to Him, because He is waiting for us to find Him.

Here are the notes from the weekend...

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Partnering with God is paramount to peace. (1-2)

Proclaiming the Word of God is indispensable for experiencing God's blessings. (3-4)

Perplexities are certain when God is ignored. (5-6)

Persevering in the truth is rewarded. (7)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can [watch it here](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our [online Small Group platform](#) to get connected with a group that will work for you.

1. What prompted Azeriah to go and speak with King Asa? What would it have been like for an unknown Azeriah to go and give a Word from God to the King? Why is it important that God's messengers speak the Word to all those in authority?
2. What was the message Azeriah delivered from God to the King? What was the reminder from God to King Asa during a time of prosperity? Why would God want the king to know that message? What was God's promise to Israel? Had God demonstrated His faithfulness to His promise throughout Israel's history? Provide some examples.
3. Why is nearness to God important for experiencing peace? What is peace? Why is peace not measured by the absence of conflict but by the presence of God? How do we experience God's peace? (John 14:27, John 16:33, Romans 5:1)
4. How important was a teaching priest to knowing the true God and following His laws? What resulted in Israel when there was no teaching priest? How important are teaching

priests to our society today? What has been the result of a lack of teaching priests in our culture?

5. Who is your teaching priest? How do you pray for Him? Support Him? What should be the function of a teaching priest? (Ezra 7:10) If you have a teaching priest, how often do you thank God that you are growing in your knowledge of Him and His standards?
6. How would our culture be different today if we would have had an abundant supply of teaching priests throughout our land for the past 40 years? What difference can God raising up teaching priests today do for the years to come? Would you take some time **RIGHT NOW** to pray for God to raise up mighty men who study, practice, and teach His Word? (Matthew 9:37-38)
7. During the time of the judges, Israel was plagued over and over again because they refused to listen to God or follow His standards. How do we, as a culture, give “lip service” to God and yet refuse to live His standards? How does God respond when we willingly go our own way and do our own thing? (Romans 1:18-32)
8. While it’s easy to point fingers at others, how has this current crisis shown you areas of idolatry in your own life? What are you hanging onto more than Jesus Christ? What do you need to repent of and relinquish to Jesus Christ? Have you even been aware that you had idols in your life?
9. God makes it clear that He is always near when we seek Him? How long has it been since you poured out your heart to God in humility and asked Him to truly be your Lord? How do you feel knowing that God is waiting for YOU to come and find Him?
10. Why is it important to persevere when you want to quit? What is the benefit of standing firm with Christ regardless of what is going on in the world? What has been an area of your life where you have been wanting to relinquish Christ’s Lordship? How can God provide the strength to help you endure?