

Renewing Our Commitment to God

As Asa returned from a stunning victory—one where the odds were overwhelmingly against him—the Spirit of God came upon the prophet Azariah with a timely message:

“The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you” (2 Chronicles 15:2, NKJV).

That’s not just a word for Asa—it’s a word for us. This is one of the most sobering and empowering principles in all of Scripture. God responds to our seeking. He draws near when we draw near. But when we turn our back on Him, He allows us to experience the absence of His presence.

How easy it is, especially after a spiritual victory, to assume we’re on solid footing and let our guard down. But God doesn’t give idle warnings. If He warns us, it’s because there’s danger ahead—especially in the areas where we feel strongest. We should never ignore a word of caution just because we feel secure in the moment.

Spiritual Renewal Requires Action

Azariah’s message stirred Asa to deeper reform. He tore down the idols, removed false altars, and even dealt with idolatry in his own family by removing his grandmother from her royal role because of her pagan influence (v. 16). That’s a powerful picture: real commitment to God starts at home.

Asa also gathered the people together and led them in a powerful covenant:

“They entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul” (v. 12).

This is where revival happens—not just in public worship, but when people collectively commit to seek God wholeheartedly.

What would happen if your ekklesia (church), small group, or family made that same covenant today?

- **To seek God with all our heart and soul**
- **To remove idols and compromise**
- **To put Him first in every decision, every day**

There was celebration. There was rejoicing. There was zeal—even to the point of being overzealous (v. 13)—but God honored their sincerity and gave them peace.

Personal Application

- **God is with you while you are with Him.** If you feel distant from God, ask: Have I drifted? Am I still seeking Him with all my heart?

- **Reform starts at home.** Like Asa removing his grandmother's idol, we must lovingly but firmly deal with anything in our lives—habits, relationships, media—that leads us away from God.
- **Revival begins with a covenant.** Have you ever made a fresh commitment to seek God with your whole heart? It doesn't have to be dramatic—just genuine. Write it down. Pray it. Share it.
- **God responds to full-hearted devotion.** Verse 15 says they sought Him with their **“whole desire”** and He was found by them. That's the key. When we go all in, God shows up.

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (James 4:8a, NKJV).

“You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13, NKJV).

Let this be your moment to seek Him fully—and see how He moves on your behalf. Would you like help crafting a modern-day covenant or prayer based on Asa's example?