

Strong Because He Walked with God

Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem for sixteen years. His father was Uzziah, and just like his dad, he *“did what was right in the sight of the Lord”* (2 Chronicles 27:2 NKJV). But here’s an important detail—he didn’t make the same mistake his father did.

“He did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Uzziah had done (although he did not enter the temple of the Lord). But still, the people acted corruptly.”

—2 Chronicles 27:2 NKJV

He Did Right, Even in a Broken Culture

Jotham stayed faithful to the Lord, but sadly, the people under his leadership didn’t follow his example. This reminds us that personal faithfulness doesn’t always translate into a changed culture. Sometimes, no matter how well you lead, or how right you live, others still go their own way.

Application: You may be the only one in your home, workplace, or friend group who’s trying to walk with God. Don’t let that discourage you. Jotham stayed faithful anyway. God honors those who live rightly even when it’s not popular or supported.

He Became Mighty—But Why?

“So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the Lord his God.”

—2 Chronicles 27:6 NKJV

That’s the heart of this chapter. Jotham wasn’t mighty because he had a great army. He wasn’t strong because of political strategy. He became mighty because he walked with God on purpose.

The Hebrew idea behind *“prepared his ways”* means he ordered, arranged, and aligned his life with God’s will. He made a conscious decision to build his life around the Lord.

Application: Do you want to be strong in life—not just physically or emotionally, but spiritually? Then prepare your ways before the Lord. Put Him first in your schedule, your decisions, your finances, your relationships. Let Him shape your direction. Strength doesn’t come from ambition or hustle—it comes from walking in step with God.

A Quiet Faithfulness

Not much else is said about Jotham. His reign wasn’t marked by dramatic revival or catastrophic failure. But he served God well. He lived quietly and faithfully in a time of spiritual decline.

He didn’t enter the temple presumptuously like his father Uzziah. He respected God’s boundaries. He walked in wisdom and humility. And when his time came, he passed from this life at age forty-one, and was buried in the city of David.

Devotional Takeaways:

1. Live right—even when others don't.
Jotham did what was right even though the people around him were corrupt. Faithfulness is personal. Don't use the culture as an excuse for compromise.
2. Prepare your ways before the Lord.
Strength is the byproduct of ordering your life around God's priorities. Want to stand strong in a shaky world? Anchor yourself in Him.
3. Quiet faithfulness matters.
Jotham's story wasn't flashy—but it was godly. You don't have to be famous, influential, or dramatic to please God. Obedience over time honors Him deeply.
4. Learn from those who came before you.
Jotham saw where his father went wrong—and chose a better path. Don't just repeat the past. Learn from it. Avoid the pitfalls of those who went before you.

Closing Reflection:

As we reflect on Jotham's life, we're reminded that sometimes God calls us to be faithful in the background—to quietly walk with Him, to be strong through steady obedience, and to leave a legacy of integrity even when the world around us is falling apart.

The spotlight may not shine on you. The world might not applaud your life. But if you walk faithfully with God, your strength will grow deep and real. That's what matters.

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