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Jotham's Secret for Success

2 Chronicles 27:1-9

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1 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. His mother's name was Jerusha daughter of Zadok.

2 He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father Uzziah had done, but unlike him he did not enter the temple of the Lord. The people, however, continued their corrupt practices.

3 Jotham rebuilt the Upper Gate of the temple of the LORD and did extensive work on the wall at the hill of Ophel.

4 He built towns in the hill country of Judah and forts and towers in the wooded areas.

5 Jotham waged war against the king of the Ammonites and conquered them. That year the Ammonites paid him a hundred talents of silver, ten thousand cors of wheat and ten thousand cors of barley. The Ammonites brought him the same amount also in the second and third years.

6 Jotham grew powerful because he walked steadfastly before the LORD his God.

7 The other events in Jotham's reign, including all his wars and the other things he did, are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years.

9 Jotham rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. And Ahaz his son succeeded him as king.

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What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the “1:10” comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

1. How does our culture define greatness? Give examples.
2. Describe someone who is great. What are they like?
3. **Read 2 Chronicles 27:1-9.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

4. Turn to **2 Kings 15:32-38.** This is another passage that describes Jotham. Do we learn anything new about him from this passage that we didn’t know from **2 Chronicles 27**?
5. Jotham becoming mighty was *“because he ordered his ways before the Lord his God.”* (**2 Chronicles 27:6**) This is God’s definition of greatness! — To “order your ways” before the Lord means to live according to his Word. To be sure that your life is in step with the Gospel. These things are great in God’s eyes. What do you learn about “ordering your ways” before God according to the following passages?

Psalms 1:1-3

Ephesians 4:1-3

Psalms 90:10, 12

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

James 4:13-16

6. Jotham’s dad, King Uzziah, was also said to have become great and strong. Compare **2 Chronicles 27:6** with **2 Chronicles 26:16.** What was the difference between Jotham and his dad, Uzziah? What became of their success?
7. **Read Luke 12:31-34.** We live in the most materialistic culture in the history of the world. How does our love for “treasure” and “stuff” keep us from rightly “ordering our ways” before God?
8. What are some practical tips you’ve found helpful that help you to seek Jesus’ kingdom first?
9. **Read Proverbs 3:5-6.** What is the secret to success according to these verses?
10. As you close, share some small and tangible steps you can take to begin “ordering your ways” before the Lord this week.

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Syracuse.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for 2 Chronicles 27:1-9 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

1 **Jotham** was twenty-five **years** old **when** he **began** to **reign**, and he **reigned** **sixteen years** in **Jerusalem**. His **mother's name** was **Jerushah** the **daughter** of **Zadok**. 2 And he did what was **right** in the **eyes** of the **LORD** **according** to all that his **father Uzziah** had **done**, except he did not **enter** the **temple** of the **LORD**. But the **people still followed corrupt practices**. 3 He **built** the **upper** gate of the house of the **LORD** and did much building on the wall of Ophel. 4 Moreover, he **built cities** in the **hill** country of **Judah**, and forts and towers on the wooded **hills**. 5 He fought with the **king** of the **Ammonites** and prevailed against them. And the **Ammonites** gave him that **year** 100 talents of silver, and **10,000** cors of wheat and **10,000** of barley.

The **Ammonites** paid him the same amount in the second and the third **years**. 6 So **Jotham** became mighty, because he ordered his **ways** before the **LORD** his God. 7 Now the rest of the acts of **Jotham**, and all his wars and his **ways**, behold, they are written in the Book of the **Kings** of Israel and **Judah**. 8 He was twenty-five **years** old **when** he **began** to **reign**, and he **reigned** **sixteen years** in **Jerusalem**. 9 And **Jotham** slept with his **fathers**, and they buried him in the **city** of David, and Ahaz his son **reigned** in his place.

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