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LIFE LESSONS FROM KING ASA

2 Chronicles 14-16

A black and white photograph of the spine of a Bible. The words "HOLY BIBLE" are embossed in a serif font on the spine. The Bible is resting on a wooden surface, and the background is a soft-focus landscape with a cloudy sky.

ROMANS 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

The image shows a stack of several books, with the top one being a thick, dark-colored volume. A pen and a small yellow notepad are resting on the open pages of the top book. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. The text 'The Original K-Drama' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

The Original K-Drama



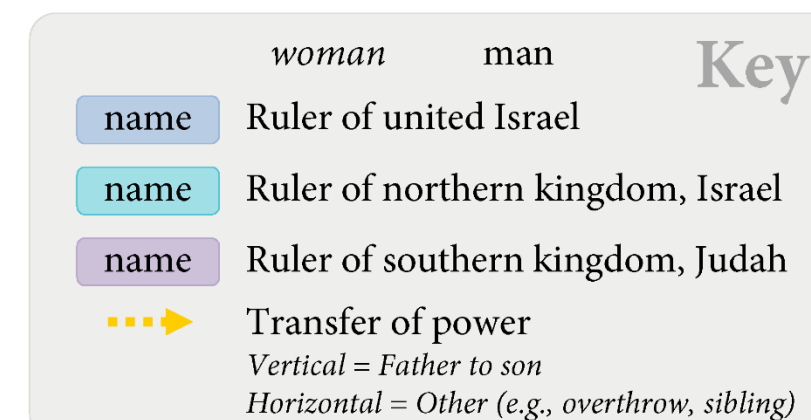
The flowchart illustrates the lineage of the Kings of Judah, starting from Saul and ending with Zedekiah. The main line of descent is shown in purple boxes, while branches and alternate names are in blue boxes. Key events are marked with dates: c. 1050 BC (Saul to Ish-bosheth), c. 721 BC (Hoshea), and c. 587 BC (Jehoiachin to Gedaliah).

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    Abijah -- "or Abijam" --> Asa[Asa]
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    Zedekiah -- "c. 587 BC" --> Gedaliah
  
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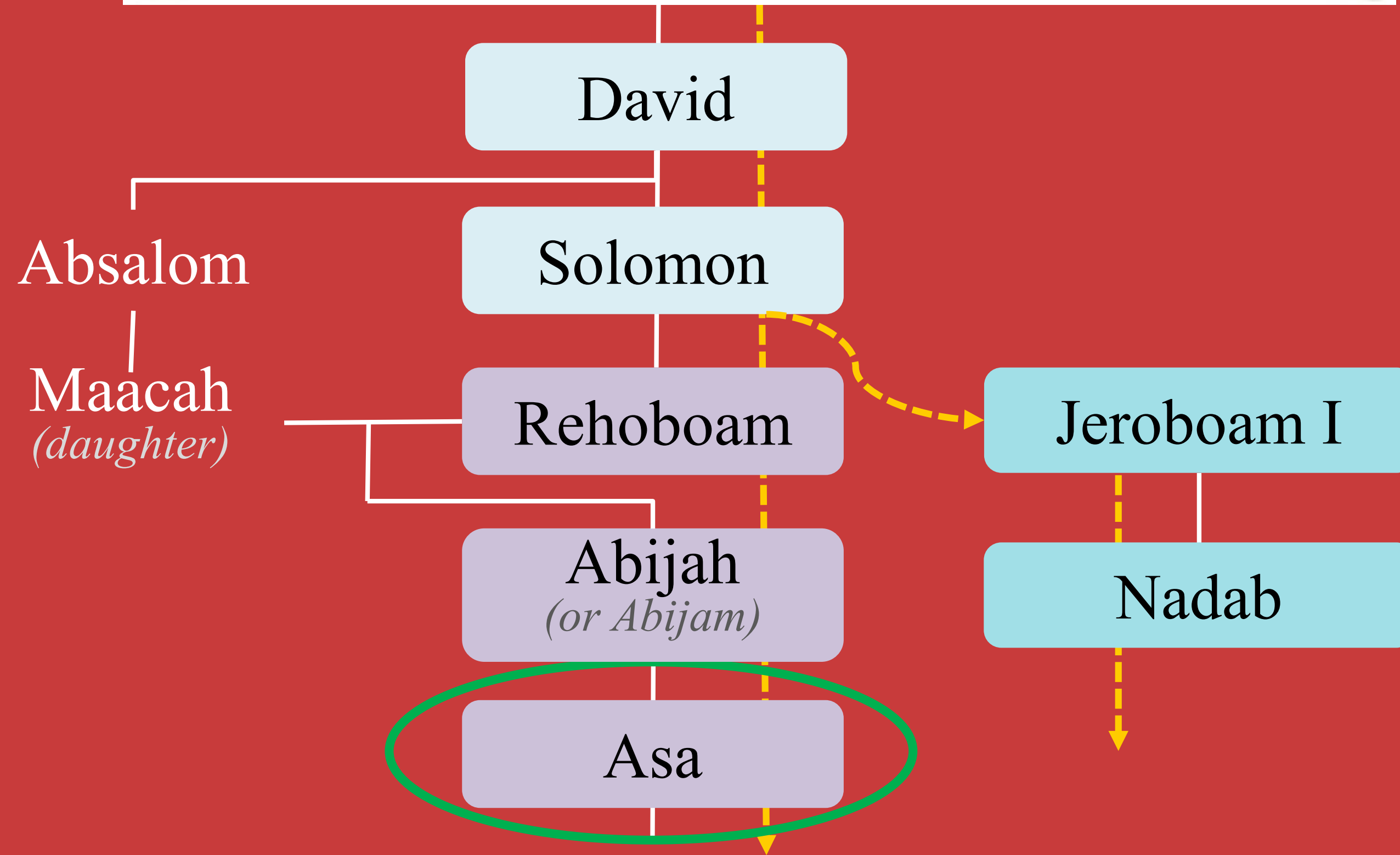
Key Dates and Events:

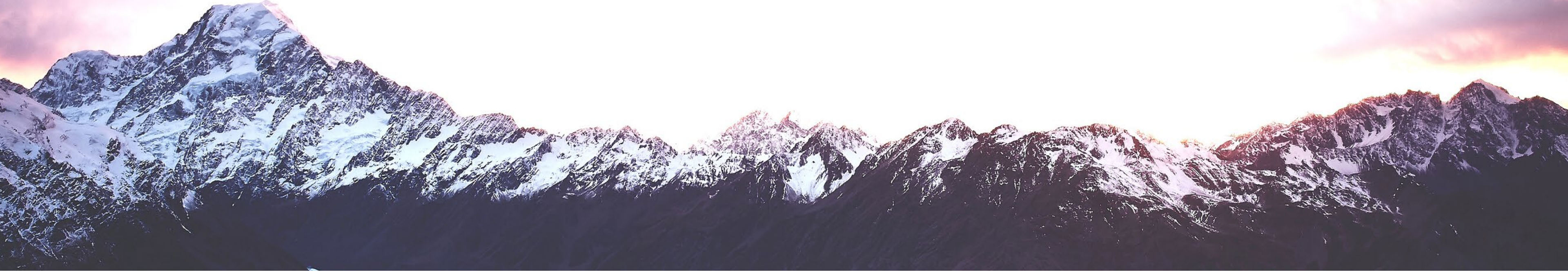
- c. 1050 BC: Saul to Ish-bosheth
- c. 721 BC: Hoshea
- c. 587 BC: Jehoiachin to Gedaliah



GENEALOGY OF THE KINGS OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL

as recorded in the Old Testament books of Kings and Chronicles





KING ASA

- Did what was good in the eyes of the Lord - removed idols
- Zerah the Cushite came against Judah
- Asa sought the Lord and the Lord gave the victory
- Baasha, King of Israel, came up against Asa
- Asa made a treaty with the king of Aram to help defend them
- Rebuked by Hanani the seer for not trusting in the Lord
- Asa threw Hanani in prison
- Even when he became ill, he would not seek God



SEEK THE LORD FIRST

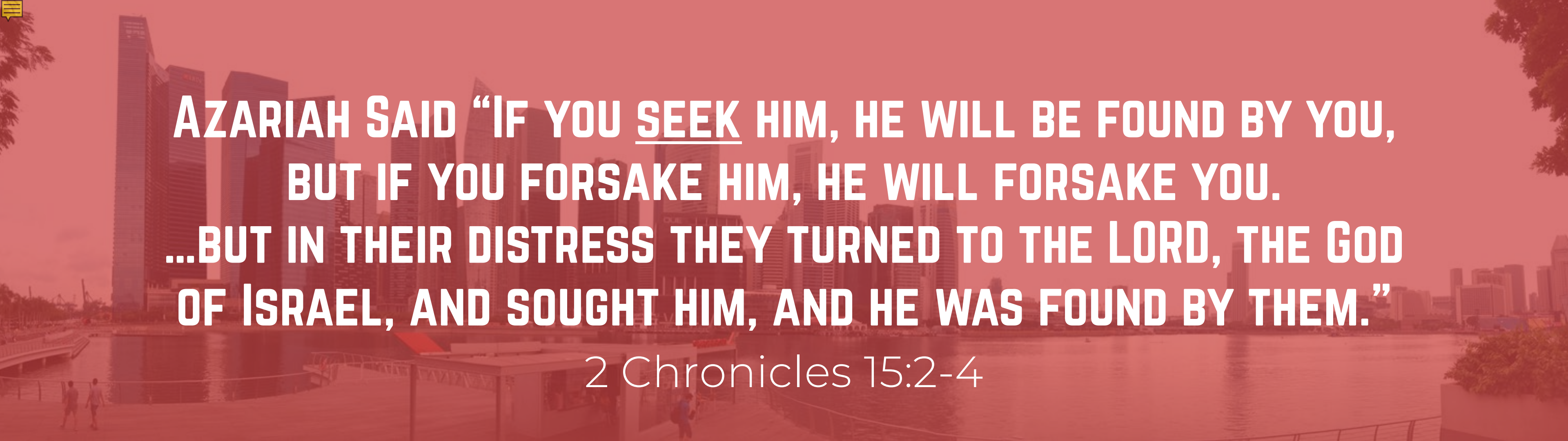


**HE COMMANDED JUDAH TO SEEK THE LORD, THE
GOD OF THEIR ANCESTORS, AND TO OBEY HIS LAWS
AND COMMANDS.**

2 Chronicles 14:4

**...WE SOUGHT HIM AND HE HAS GIVEN US
REST ON EVERY SIDE.**

2 Chronicles 14:7



**AZARIAH SAID “IF YOU SEEK HIM, HE WILL BE FOUND BY YOU,
BUT IF YOU FORSAKE HIM, HE WILL FORSAKE YOU.
...BUT IN THEIR DISTRESS THEY TURNED TO THE LORD, THE GOD
OF ISRAEL, AND SOUGHT HIM, AND HE WAS FOUND BY THEM.”**

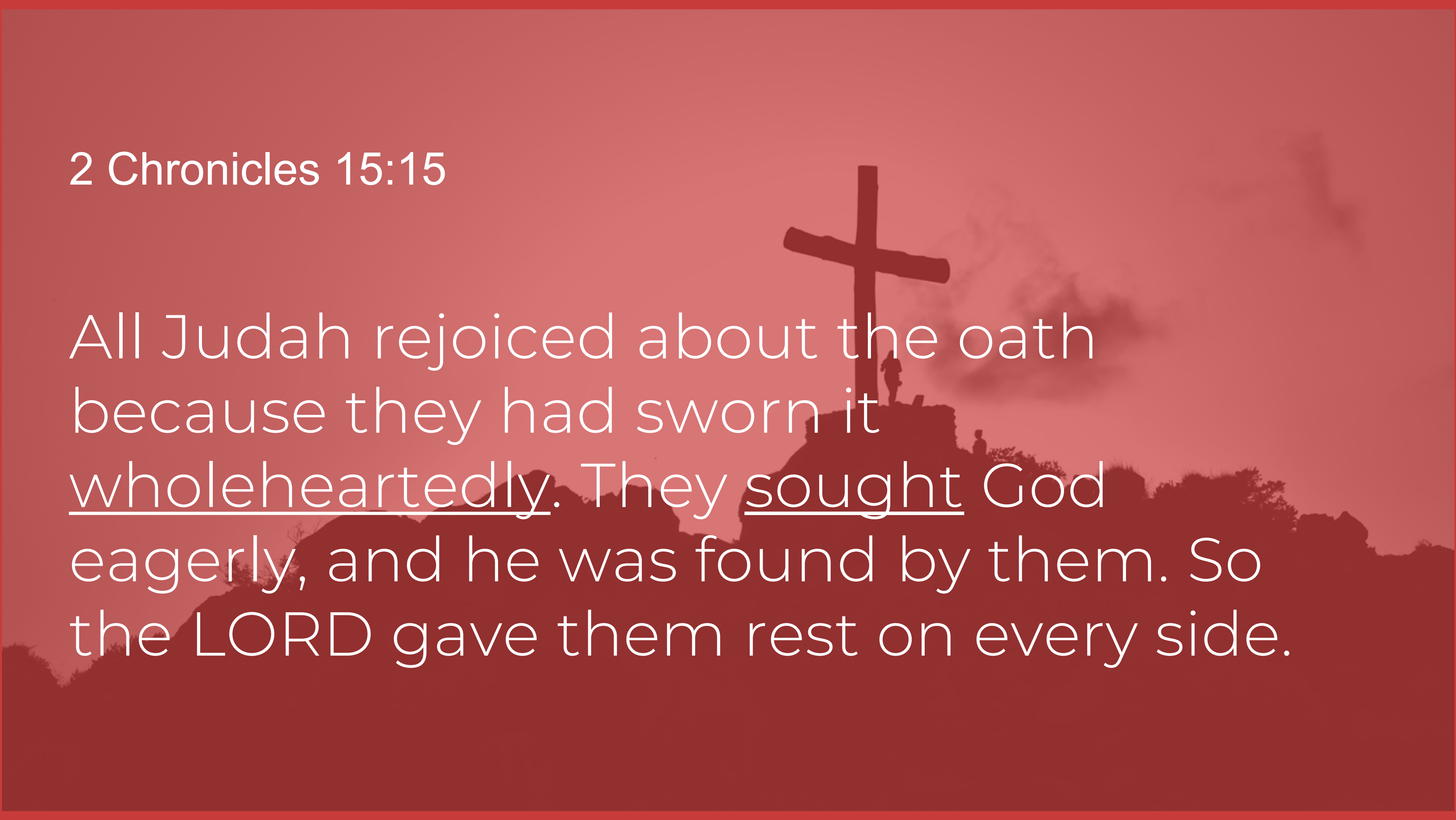
2 Chronicles 15:2-4

**THEY ENTERED INTO A COVENANT TO SEEK THE
LORD, THE GOD OF THEIR ANCESTORS, WITH ALL
THEIR HEART AND SOUL.**

2 Chronicles 15:12

2 Chronicles 15:15

All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the LORD gave them rest on every side.

A large wooden cross stands on a hill, with several people silhouetted against a sunset sky. The scene is bathed in the warm, orange light of the setting sun, with clouds visible in the background.



To SEEK

- to inquire of and for Him and seek Him as a vital necessity
- longing for Him with all our heart
- in desperation earnestly

Matthew 6:33

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

A large wooden cross stands prominently on a rocky hilltop. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, orange glow in the sky. A person is visible standing near the base of the cross, and another figure is partially visible further down the hill. The foreground shows the silhouettes of rocks and sparse vegetation.



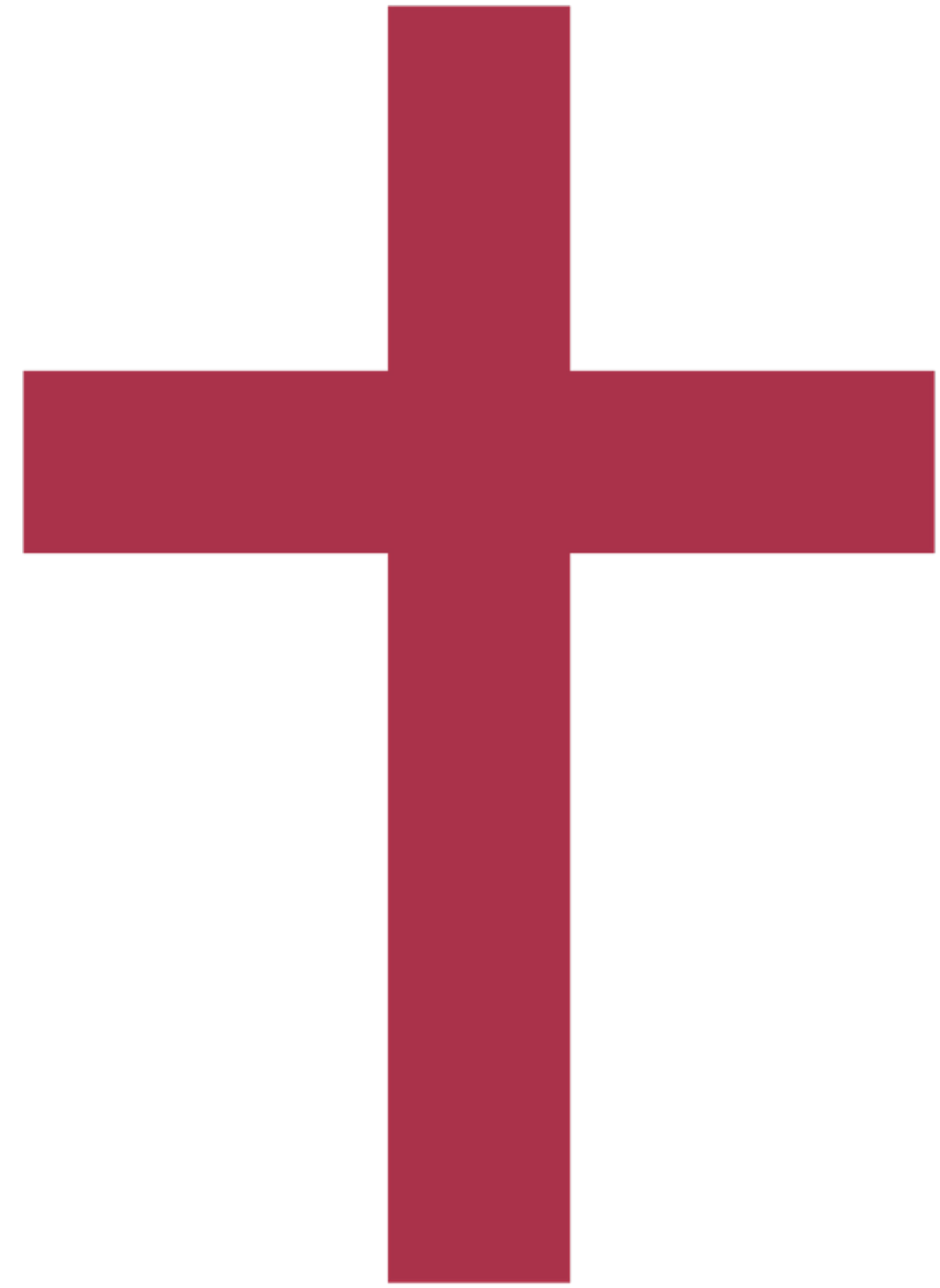
Steering Wheel



Spare Tyre

Where do I begin?

Acknowledge him in the very small things and the very big things.



A silhouette of a large wooden cross standing on a rocky hill. A person is standing near the base of the cross, and another person is sitting on the ground to the right. The background shows a cloudy sky.

We have an **ATTRACTION** issue,
not a **DISTRACTION** issue.



OBEY IN DEED



HE COMMANDED JUDAH TO SEEK THE LORD, THE GOD OF THEIR ANCESTORS, AND TO OBEY HIS LAWS AND COMMANDS. HE REMOVED THE HIGH PLACES AND INCENSE ALTARS IN EVERY TOWN IN JUDAH, AND THE KINGDOM WAS AT PEACE UNDER HIM.

2 Chronicles 14:4-5

KING ASA ALSO DEPOSED HIS GRANDMOTHER MAAKAH FROM HER POSITION AS QUEEN MOTHER, BECAUSE SHE HAD MADE A REPULSIVE IMAGE FOR THE WORSHIP OF ASHERAH. ASA CUT IT DOWN, BROKE IT UP AND BURNED IT IN THE KIDRON VALLEY.

2 Chronicles 15:16

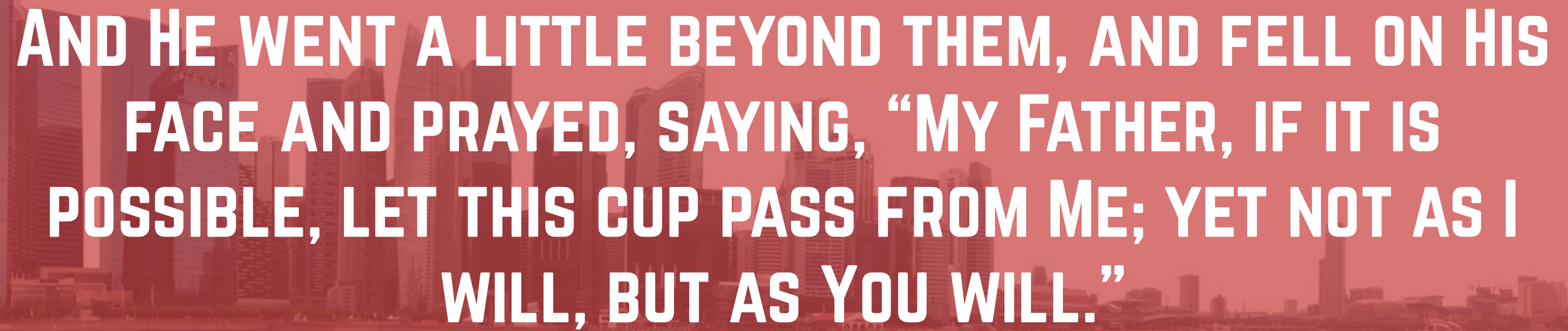


**THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "WHOEVER WANTS TO BE MY
DISCIPLE MUST DENY THEMSELVES AND TAKE UP THEIR CROSS
AND FOLLOW ME.**

Matthew 16:24

**THEREFORE EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE AND
PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE IS LIKE A WISE MAN WHO BUILT HIS
HOUSE ON THE ROCK.**

Matthew 7:24

A background image showing a city skyline with tall buildings reflected in a body of water. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent red overlay. In the foreground, there's a walkway with some people and a railing.

**AND HE WENT A LITTLE BEYOND THEM, AND FELL ON HIS
FACE AND PRAYED, SAYING, “MY FATHER, IF IT IS
POSSIBLE, LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME; YET NOT AS I
WILL, BUT AS YOU WILL.”**

Matthew 26:39

**AND BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN,
HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEDIENT TO DEATH -
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS!**

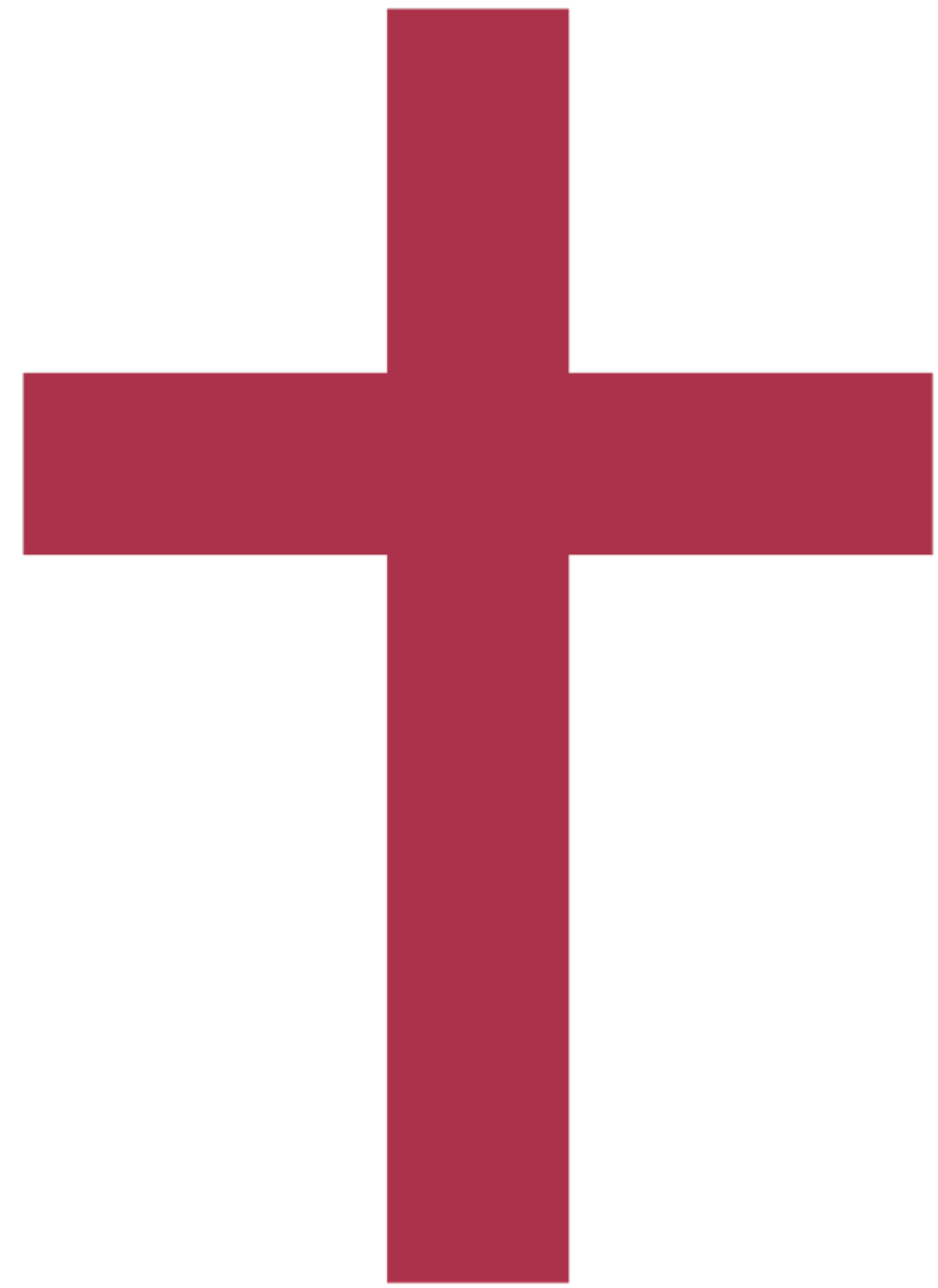
Philippians 2:8



Where do I begin?

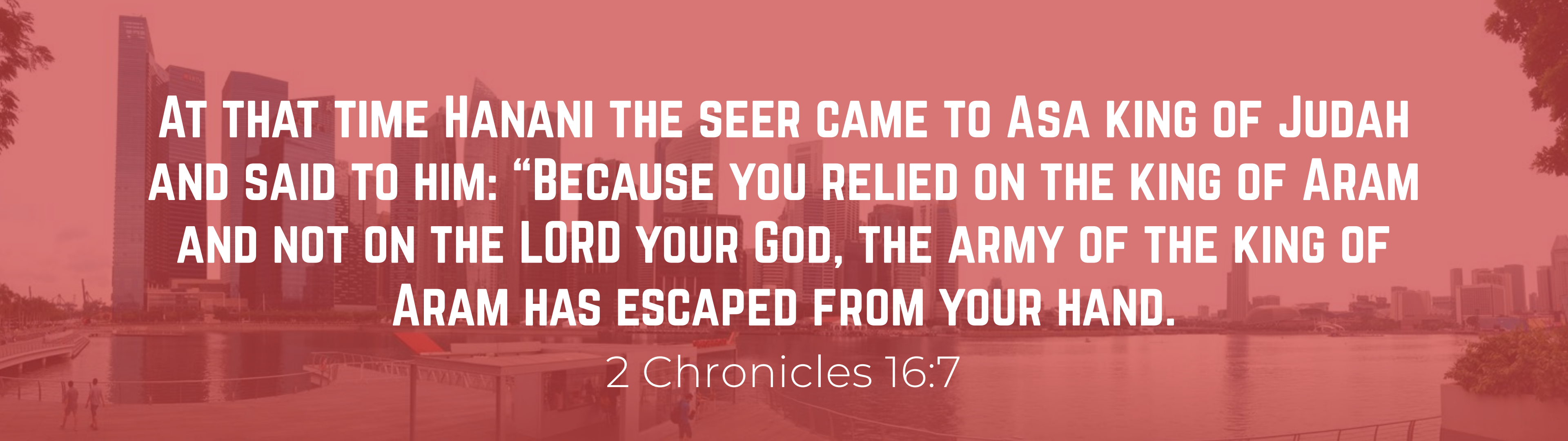
**Act on the Word of God,
not on our feelings.**

Forgive, pray, give, encourage, love





FINISH WELL

A background image of a city skyline, likely Singapore, with tall skyscrapers and a body of water in the foreground. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent red overlay. The text is centered and written in white, bold, uppercase letters.

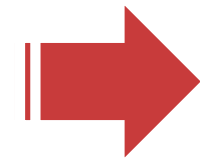
**AT THAT TIME HANANI THE SEER CAME TO ASA KING OF JUDAH
AND SAID TO HIM: “BECAUSE YOU RELIED ON THE KING OF ARAM
AND NOT ON THE LORD YOUR GOD, THE ARMY OF THE KING OF
ARAM HAS ESCAPED FROM YOUR HAND.**

2 Chronicles 16:7

**IN THE THIRTY-NINTH YEAR OF HIS REIGN ASA WAS AFFLICTED
WITH A DISEASE IN HIS FEET. THOUGH HIS DISEASE WAS SEVERE,
EVEN IN HIS ILLNESS HE DID NOT SEEK HELP FROM THE LORD, BUT
ONLY FROM THE PHYSICIANS.**

2 Chronicles 16:12

Peace



COMPLACENCY

pride

James 4:6

2 Chronicles 15:19

There was no more war
until the thirty-fifth year of
Asa's reign.

But God gives us even more
grace, as the Scripture says,
“God is against the proud, but
he gives grace to the humble.”



**HUMBLE YOURSELF IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE, AND HE
WILL HONOR YOU.**

Matthew 26:39

**PRIDE GOES BEFORE DESTRUCTION,
A HAUGHTY SPIRIT BEFORE A FALL.**

Proverbs 16:18



We drift *unintentionally*.
We draw near *intentionally*.



LIFE LESSONS FROM KING ASA

STAY ON FIRE

Seek the Lord first

Obey in deed

Einish well