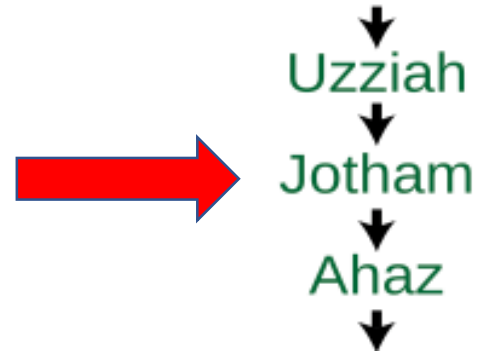


Led by a **Perfect God** King Jotham



Recap

Goal → Learn from good and bad examples, and see the impact of good and bad decisions



2 Chronicles 27: 1-9

¹ Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king, 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 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.

³ He built the Upper Gate of the house of the LORD, and he built extensively on the wall of Ophel. ⁴ Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers.

2 Chronicles 27: 1-9

⁵ He also fought with the king of the Ammonites and defeated them. And the people of Ammon gave him in that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. The people of Ammon paid this to him in the second and third years also.

⁶ So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

2 Chronicles 27: 1-9

⁷ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars and his ways, indeed they 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 sixteen years in Jerusalem. ⁹ So Jotham rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

יוֹתָם
Jotham
means

God is
perfect

Even when His
people are not

Even when we
are not

Even when
circumstances
are not

Jotham's godly heritage

Great-grandfather
Grandfather
Father

...did what was right in
the sight of the LORD



Witnessing his father's rise

As long as he sought the
LORD, God gave him
success...So *King Uzziah's*
fame spread far and wide,
for he was **marvellously**
helped till he became strong
(2 Chron 26:5b, 15)

Witnessing his father's sudden fall

King Uzziah transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD.



A familiar feeling?

*When you find out
a famous pastor
has renounced
Christ*

*When your
Christian boss does
not act like a
Christian*



How did Jotham react?

And 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)

2 Chronicles 27:2



God remains
perfect, even
when His
people are
not

**Treasure
Him**



**God is
perfect**

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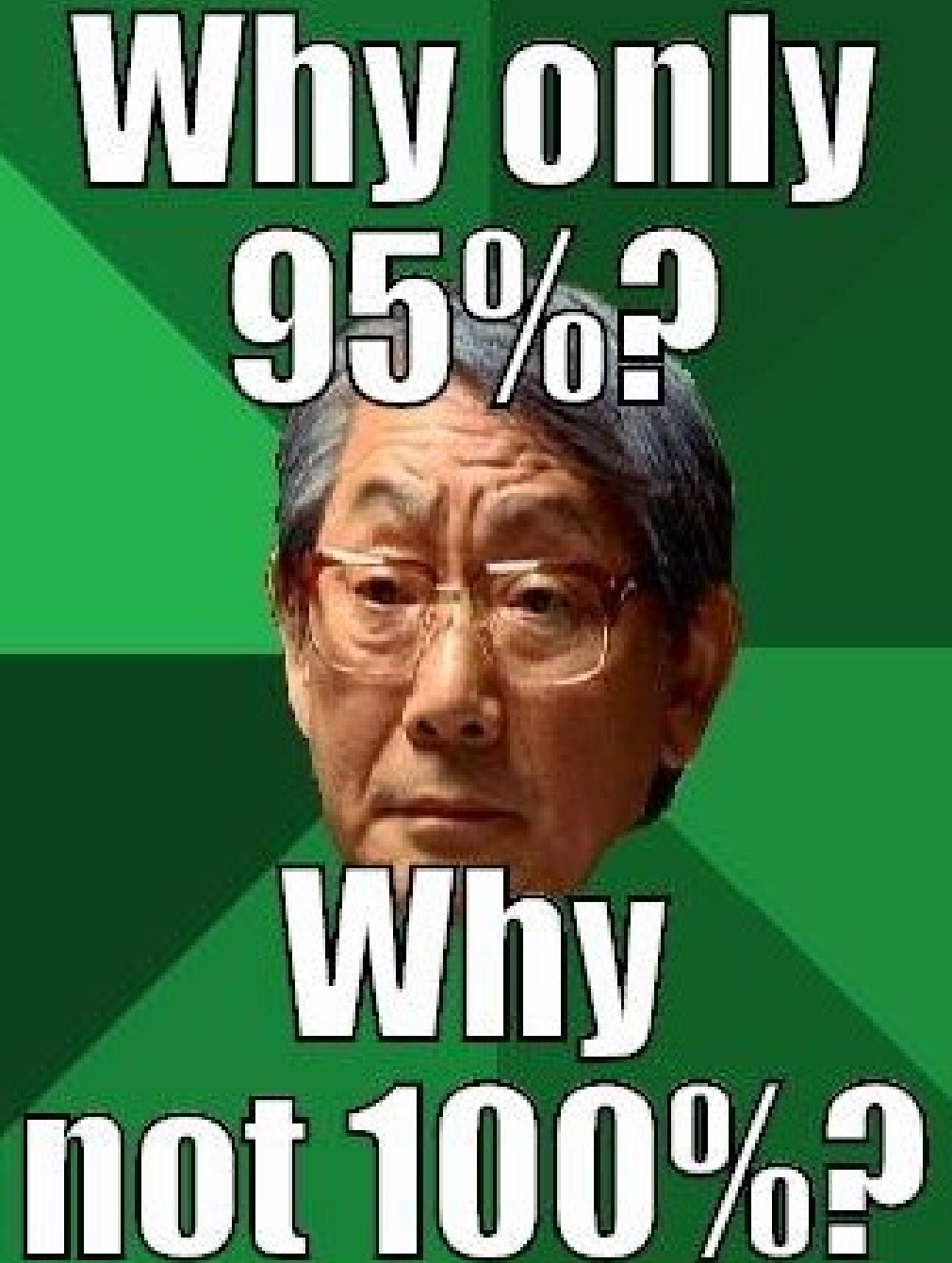
Being a King is hard, being a co-regent is harder

*And Jotham the king's son
was over the royal house,
judging the people of the
land.*

2 Kings 15:5b



Have you ever
been put in a
position where you
felt inadequate or
not good enough?



How did Jotham overcome his inadequacy?

So Jotham became mighty,
because **he prepared his ways
before the LORD his God.**

2 Chronicles 25:6

While you may not be smart enough or capable enough, you know a God who is, and who is willing to guide you.

How do seek God for guidance?

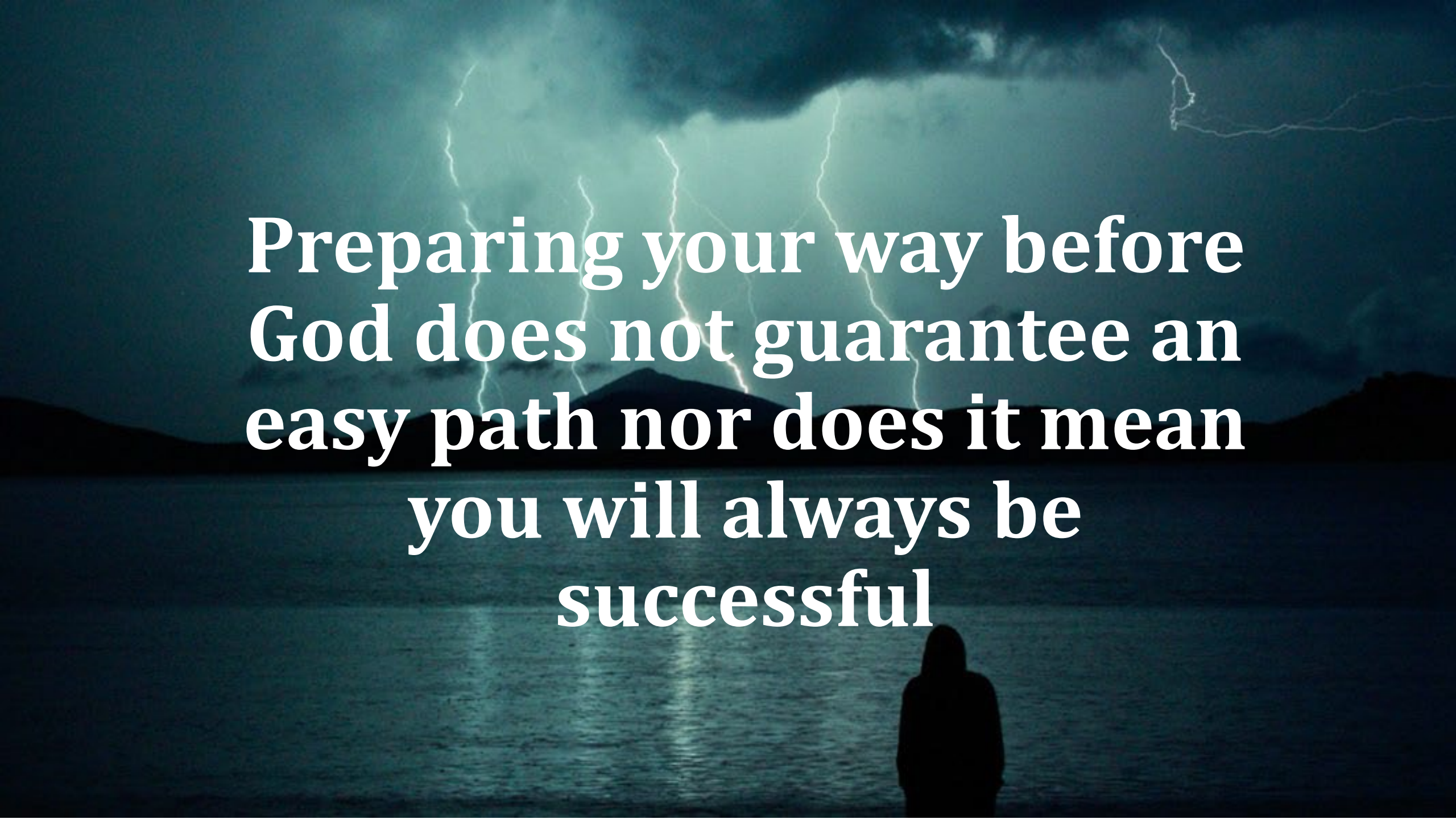


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**Preparing your way before
God does not guarantee an
easy path nor does it mean
you will always be
successful**

Jotham did not have it easy

War with
Ammonites

War with
Israel

War with
Syria



Jotham

Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, **and all his wars and his ways...**

Uzziah

The other events of Uzziah's reign, from beginning to end...

Amaziah

As for the other events of Amaziah's reign, from beginning to end, are they not written...

King Jotham not only manages to keep things falling apart, but the Bible records that he became **mighty**.



Jotham faced two major failures

Still the
people acted
corruptly

Deposed by
son, who did
evil in the sight
of the LORD

Jotham remained faithful, no matter the circumstances.

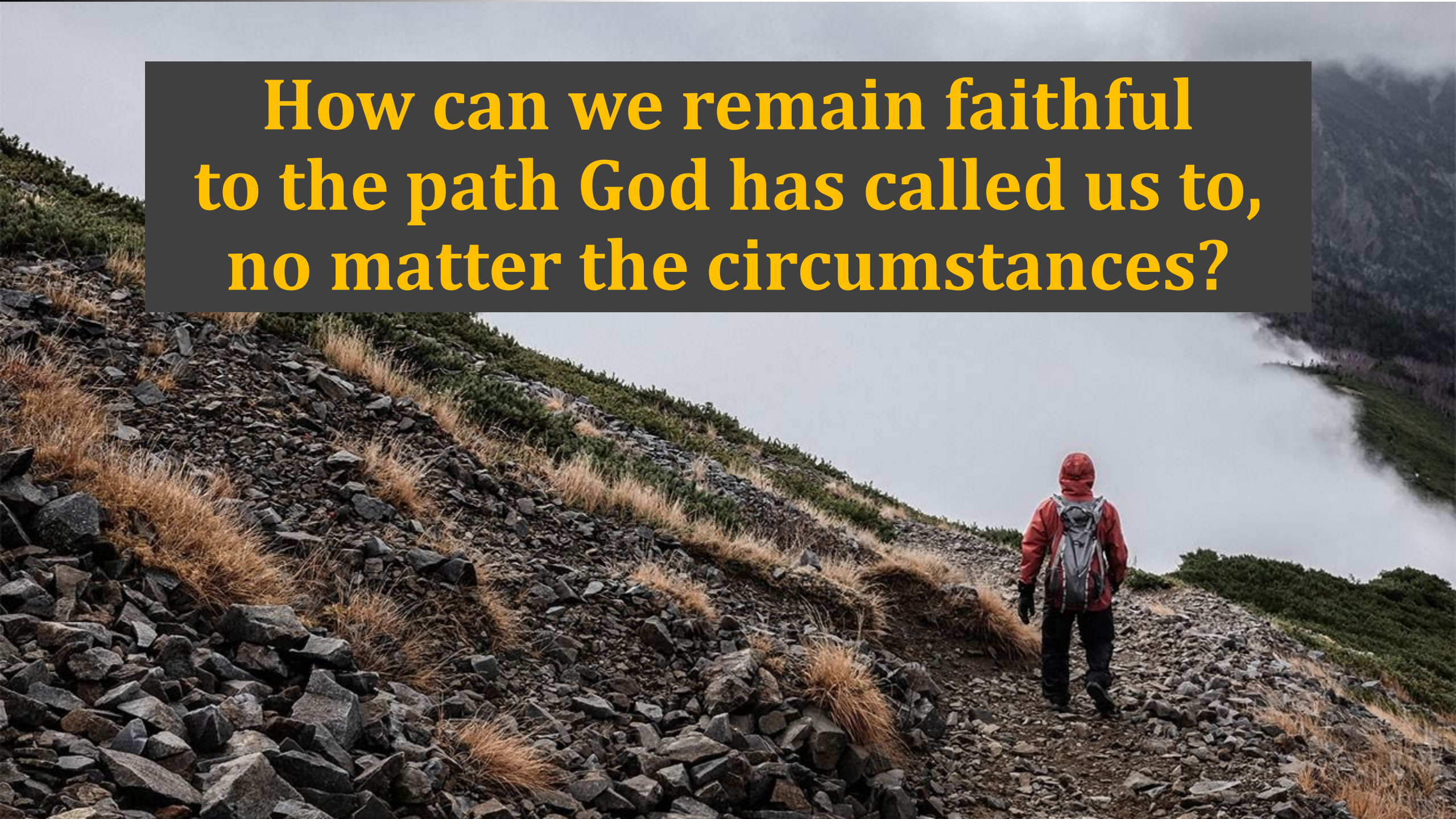
He did not take matters into his own hands, but continued to trust in God



Comparison with other good Kings

King	Character flaw/unfaithful moment recorded
Asa	His lack of faith led him to rely on the King of Syria rather than trust in God to save him
Jehoshaphat	His moral apathy led him to associate with evil King Ahab of Israel
Joash	His reliance on the faith of others, rather than having his own walk with God, led him to commit apostasy
Uzziah	His pride led him to offer unauthorized incense
Jotham	NONE

**How can we remain faithful
to the path God has called us to,
no matter the circumstances?**



Just like Jotham, none of us are perfect. We are all sinners, every one of us.

Yet, if we seek God, and keep our faith in Him like Jotham did, God too will make us perfect in Jesus Christ.



God is always perfect

Even when His
people are not

Even when we
are not

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Treasure Him

Seek Him

Trust Him