

A Fully Devoted Heart
Text: 2 Chronicles 16:1-14
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Big Idea: God is actively look for and strongly supports the heart that is fully devoted to Him.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text says about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4

Pastor Earl stated, "The road back to the Lord runs right through our hearts."

- a) What did he mean by this?
- b) What does it mean to have a "right heart" before God?
- c) Where is your heart divided in focus on and devotion to the Lord?
- d) Spend time in repentance & prayer for one another about these areas.

To have a heart fully devoted to God, you must...

Point 1: RELY on GOD (vv. 1-7)

Question #5

- a) **Rd. vv. 1-7:** Describe the situation that takes place here.
- b) What does it mean to "rely" on the Lord (v.7)?
- c) What were the 4 stages of Asa's heart issue that led him to this decision?
- d) Which of these stages are you most tempted to follow instead of relying on the Lord in a hard situation? Why that/those one(s)?
- e) Share 2-3 promises of God He gives to those who rely on Him; & pray these with one another.

Point 2: REHEARSE God's FAITHFULNESS (v. 8)

Question #6

- a) **Rd. v. 8:** How does Hanani respond to Asa's decision?
- b) Why is remembering God's faithfulness in the past essential if our heart is to stay fully devoted to Him at all times?
- c) Think of a "God at Work" testimony where you've seen God's faithfulness. Spend time sharing/rehearsing it with your group.

Question #7

Jerry Bridges said, "Preach the gospel to yourself every day."

- a) Why is it essential to preach the gospel to ourselves every day?
- b) What circumstances do you find you are most "disconnected" from the gospel in?
- c) How can we as a church cultivate an ongoing "gospel remembrance" in one another each day?

Point 3: RECEIVE God's CORRECTION (vv. 10-11)

Question #8

Note: Please use your fruit to root diagram for the following questions.

- a) **Rd. vv. 10-11:** How did king Asa respond when Hanani gave him truthful & loving correction?
- b) What excuses do you most commonly make to excuse taking correction? How do you respond?
- c) What fruit comes out when you respond that way?
- d) What lies are you believing that lead to that fruit?
- e) What is it you really want by responding in that way?
- f) What gospel treasure do you need to replace that sinful root with?
- g) Spend time in prayer for one another in these areas.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: Lord, I worship You because You are _____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Jesus, I confess i) Not relying on You when____. ii) Not remembering You in____. iii) Not receiving Your correction through_____.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, thank you for your faithfulness when_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Lord, I ask for: i) A greater reliance on You in____. ii) Remembrance of You when____. iii) Receiving correction from others when_____.

Memory Verse:

"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless towards him..."-2 Chronicles 16:8a

