

God at work in spite of sin

1 Kings 15:1-8; 2 Chronicles 13

- I. God blessed Judah in spite of Abijah's sin because his ancestor David was godly (1 Kings 15:1-8).
 - A. Abijah sinned by tolerating continued idolatry in Judah (15:1-3a).
 - B. Abijah was not fully devoted to the Lord like his great grandfather David (15:3b.)
 - C. God's grace – God blessed Judah with strength because of David's legacy of godliness (15:4-8).
 - We can have a spiritual impact on earth long after we are in heaven.
 - We might be experiencing God's blessing in spite of our lack of devotion, not because of it.

- II. God blessed Judah in spite of Abijah's sin because the people of Judah trusted God (2 Chronicles 13).
 - A. Judah and Israel's conflict escalated into war (13:1-3).
 - B. Knowing God's word – King Abijah of Judah correctly declared God's will (13:4-12).
 - Doctrinal correctness is not proof of true godliness.
 - C. Trusting in God's power – God delivered the people of Judah as they cried out in faith (13:13-18).
 - We might be experiencing God's blessing because Christians around us trust God even if we don't.
 - D. God blessed Abijah and Judah but judged Jeroboam (13:19-22).

