

Seeking the Lord

2 Chronicles 14 & 15 (1 Kings 15:9-24)

- I. Asa's spiritual **reforms** – Someone seeking the Lord wants to please God by removing evil influences (2 Chronicles 14:1-8).
 - A. Asa removed idols and urged Judah to seek the Lord (1-5a).
 - B. Asa built up the nation and enjoyed peace (5b-8).

- II. Asa's **reliance** on God – Someone seeking the Lord prayerfully trusts God when overwhelmed (2 Chronicles 14:9-15).
 - A. When the Cushites made war against Judah, Asa prayerfully trusted in the Lord (9-11).
 - B. God gave Asa and Judah a great victory (12-15).

- III. Asa's national **renewal** – Someone seeking the Lord wants others to seek Him (2 Chronicles 15).
 - A. Azariah's encouragement – God helps and rewards those who seek him – history lesson (15:1-7).
 - B. Asa's courageous response
 1. He removed more idols, repaired the altar (8).
 2. He called a national assembly (9-15).
 - Sincere Jews came from everywhere to worship (9-11).
 - They committed to seek the Lord (12-13).
 - They experienced joy and peace and closeness with God (14-15).
 3. Other evidence of Asa seeking the Lord (16-19)
 - Grandma, broken idols and God's money