

One of the most helpful sentences I tell pastors in ministry is; GOD IS GOING TO HELP YOU... But beyond a nice sentence, I believe it, and that faith transmits over... Do you realize how much God wants to help your ministry?

2 Chronicles 14:11 And Asa cried to the LORD his God, “O LORD, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O LORD, you are our God; let not man prevail against you.”

I MINISTRY REALITY:

A- Pastor Greg has said; Any work for God will come against resistance.

1. Resistance means you will face difficulties

- a. You will face in ministry: Hard situations/Fight (people in and out of church)/Overwhelming circumstances
 - i. Asa is in the will of God, and he is dealing with a very hard situation.

B- Secondly; Ministry takes a lot of work!

1. As king; Asa is running a nation/running an army/deciding for a people

- a. On top of that facing an enemy/lives are threatened/future is at risk-
 - i. This is a lot of work

C- Both of these realities is a parallel to ministry...

1. Whether you are pastoring/in a One80 ministry/church ministry/bible study leader/home and family... these same realities are at work.

a. If you are going to do a work for God, you will encounter resistance!

b. If you are going to do a work for God... IT'S WORK!

2. See; What we are addressing isn't always a dominion issue/Sin issue/Character issue... although it can be-

- a. Really it's ministry... Its the reality of Ministry...

i. **Mk6:37** But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.”... Here is a difficulty in ministry & Jesus tells the disciples- WORK IT OUT...

ii. Jesus reveals; ministry will sometimes require more-

II MINISTRY FOCUS:

A- It matters what you focus on in these seasons of ministry

1. Some focus on self; You look at your talents/abilities... but that isn't enough

a. The COI; going into the PL said “*We can't... we are like grasshoppers*”

2. Some focus on others; In a negative way

a. *They are messing things up/they aren't serious/they don't want to live for God/they're carnal/This city-*

i. Leaders blame other people

B- Then Some focus on God. Which is what we see in our story

1. **V11** And Asa cried to the LORD his God... Focus was aimed at God... Not self, Not people, Not the enemy.

2. This is important because in doing this Asa recognizes his limitations, and simultaneously sees God's power.

a. **V11** Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude.

C- This is actually the way to process the ministry realities... Learn to make your ministry focus on God-

1. Helps perspective: God is above/God is powerful /God is able... we rely on you... God you are the source.

2. Helps our view of trouble: **V11** let not man prevail against you...

III MINISTRY HELP:

A- God responds to Asa with help!

1. **2Chron14:12** So the LORD defeated the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

a. This reminds us that God will get to work WITH you in ministry...

i. I learned from PG: God you have called me to this, you've got to help me with this-

2. But what we are talking about is a Faith Posture & a Faith Attitude... UNACCEPTABLE-