

“Asa, Jehoshaphat, and killed Ahab” 2 Chronicles 16-18 6/04/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of **“Asa, Jehoshaphat, and killed Ahab”** in 2 Chronicles 16-18. To Online Word's sheep, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([the click on the website](#)). *Maranatha Worship Songs*. Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available*

Q1. In 16:9, “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars,” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In 17:3-4, “Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals, ⁴ but sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel,” what do these mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In 18:1, “Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab,” what does it mean within the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time, 2 Chronicles 15:16-19, “Also he removed Maachah, the mother of Asa the king, from *being* queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah; and Asa cut down her obscene image, then crushed and burned *it* by the Brook Kidron. ¹⁷ But the high places were not removed from Israel. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was loyal all his days. ¹⁸ He also brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated and that he himself had dedicated: silver and gold and utensils. ¹⁹ And there was no war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa,” Asa the 3rd king of Judah during 911-870 BC was a good king or a king obedient to God except non-feasance to remove the pagan high places.



Source: https://www.jesuswalk.com/elijah/6_prophecies.htm

In the historical background of this text, Baasha the 3rd king of Israel during 909-886 BC was an evil king or a king disobedient to God. Jehoshaphat the 4th king of Judah during 870-848 BC was a good king except the marriage between his son Jehoram and Ahab the evil king's daughter Athaliah. And Ahab the 7th king of Israel during 874-853 BC was an evil king.

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¹In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. ²Then Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-Hadad king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying, ³"Let there be a treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. See, I have sent you silver and gold; come, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me." ⁴So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. They attacked Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali. ⁵Now it happened, when Baasha heard it, that he stopped building Ramah and ceased his work. ⁶Then King Asa took all Judah, and they carried away the stones and timber of Ramah, which Baasha had used for building; and with them he built Geba and Mizpah.

⁷And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. ⁸Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand.

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(1-6)= (Asa king of Judah did the interference with Baasha king of Israel's existing treaty with Ben-Hadad king of Syria, making a new treaty with Syria to attack Israel in exchange for silver and gold from the temple of God and his palace. So, Syria did so. Asa was able to stop, through Syria, Israel's building Ramah against Judah's access, taking the stones and timber of Ramah and using for building other cities in Judah. It's successful strategy.)

7-8= (Hannai the seer or prophet scolded Asa king of Judah because he did not rely upon the Lord, but upon the king of Syria even if the strategy was successful. Previously when Asa relied upon God in his crying out to the Lord in Ethiopia's invasion with a million soldiers and 300 chariots, God had struck the Ethiopians; In the beginning, Asa recognized that Judah was not sufficient to defend against Ethiopia the huge invader, called unto the Lord, put himself on the Lord's side, and received the help of the Lord. God brought him victory. Now Asa was strong, rich, and powerful due to God's grace. Upon Israel's threat, he used human strategies relying upon Syria's power regardless of God's counsel; Asa relied upon flesh rather than upon God the Spirit. Upon successful status, it's so dangerous to be tempted by Satan into the area of the flesh, the human wisdom, or the human strategies rather than trust in God. Watch and pray. For even any fleshly success, anyone would not be rewarded from heaven by the Lord because it would be burned out – Note that earthly success is not always heavenly success or the success approved by God 2 Chron 14:9-12; Mat 26:41; 1 Cor 3:13-15')

¹ 2 Chron 14:9-12 Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah. ¹⁰ So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. ¹¹ And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, *it is* nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your

⁹ For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”

¹⁰ Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time. ¹¹ Note that the acts of Asa, first and last, are indeed written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

¹² And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians. ¹³ So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign. ¹⁴ They buried him in his own tomb, which he had made for himself in the City of David; and they laid him in the bed which was filled with spices and various ingredients prepared in a mixture of ointments. They made a very great burning for him.

9=Q1 (Whose heart is loyal to God? Who is after God's own heart? God is just looking for people who are following undividedly God who wants to do a work through them with His resources. Then, your life becomes rich and blessed because God the Spirit just continues to flow through you. Asa was delivered and secured by the Lord in the Ethiopia invasion, now trusting in the security given by the Lord without God's counsel – relying upon flesh, rather than to continue to trust in the Lord. So, the key is just to get continually your heart in harmony with God's heart. Sadly, here are fleshly examples in churches. (1) In prayer we convince God of the validity thing that we are desiring, trying to urge, force, or cajole God into seeing it in our way. It's a sales pitch for a solicit fund to do the thing in a building, a mission field, or any ministry matter. (2) During prayer time, we're informing God of all of our needs although God knows our needs before the prayer Acts 13:22; Mat 6:8; Gal 3:3²)

10= (Because of the flesh, Asa was angry, forcing others.)

12= (Asa ignored God's counsel and visited to the physicians rather than got God's counsel and his visit to the physicians)

name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!” ¹² So the LORD struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled; Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ¹ Cor 3:13-15 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

² Acts 13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'; Mat 6:8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him; Gal 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

¹Then Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. ² And he placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had taken.

³ Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals, ⁴ but sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel. ⁵ Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance. ⁶ And his heart took delight in the ways of the LORD; moreover he removed the high places and wooden images from Judah.

⁷ Also in the third year of his reign he sent his leaders, Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. ⁸ And with them he sent Levites: Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah—the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. ⁹ So they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of the LORD with them; they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

¹⁰ And the fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat. ¹¹ Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver as tribute; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.

¹² So Jehoshaphat became increasingly powerful, and he built fortresses and storage cities in Judah. ¹³ He had much property in the cities of Judah; and the men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem.

3-4=Q2 (God was with Jehoshaphat king of Judah because he walked in the ways of David, who had been after God's heart, and he sought God who was found by him. So Jehoshaphat experienced God's works – the established reign; received presents, riches, honors; removing idols; teaching the Book of the Law of the Lord through leaders, Levites, and priests; the holy fear of the Lord on all the lands; peace without war; some Philistines and Arabians' giving presents; and increasingly powerful & prosperous Judah nation, through a lot of loyal men of valor & fortified cities until verse 18. 2 Chro 15:1-2³)

³ 2 Chro 15:1-2 Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. ² And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

¹⁴ These *are* their numbers, according to their fathers' houses. Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valor; ¹⁵ and next to him was Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand; ¹⁶ and next to him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the LORD, and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. ¹⁷ Of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand men armed with bow and shield; ¹⁸ and next to him was Jehozabad, and with him one hundred and eighty thousand prepared for war. ¹⁹ These served the king, besides those the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

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¹ Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab. ² After some years he went down to visit Ahab in Samaria; and Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and the people who were with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth Gilead. ³ So Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me against Ramoth Gilead?" And he answered him, "I *am* as you *are*, and my people as your people; we will be with you in the war."

⁴ Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of the LORD today."

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1=Q3 (It's a common mistake of believers; Jehoshaphat was made rich by the Lord, now trusting in his flesh without his consideration of God's counsel – unequal yoke in the marriage between his son Jehoram and Ahab the evil king's daughter Athaliah; So he lost the first love for God, which he should have seen and repented. And he should have continued to trust in the Lord, being harmony with God's heart. Consequently, through Athaliah, idolatries came again into Judah and David's descendants were almost destroyed. Watch and pray always! 2 Cor 6:14-15; Rev 2:4-5; Jer 6:16; 2 Chr 19:2; 2 Chr 22:10-12⁴)

⁴ 2 Cor 6:14-15 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?; Rev 2:4-5 Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent; Jer 6:16 Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way *is*, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk *in it*.'; 2 Chr 19:2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore the wrath of the LORD *is* upon you.; 2 Chr 22:10-12 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah. ¹¹ But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him. ¹² And he was hidden with them in the house of God for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

⁵ Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, “Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?” So they said, “Go up, for God will deliver it into the king’s hand.”

⁶ But Jehoshaphat said, “Is there not still a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of Him?”

⁷ So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “There is still one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imla.”

And Jehoshaphat said, “Let not the king say such things!”

⁸ Then the king of Israel called one *of his* officers and said, “Bring Micaiah the son of Imla quickly!”

⁹ The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah, clothed in their robes, sat each on his throne; and they sat at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. ¹⁰ Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, “Thus says the LORD: ‘With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.’ ” ¹¹ And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, “Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the LORD will deliver *it* into the king’s hand.”

¹² Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, “Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Therefore please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement.”

¹³ And Micaiah said, “As the LORD lives, whatever my God says, that I will speak.”

¹⁴ Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, “Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?” And he said, “Go and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand!”

¹⁵ So the king said to him, “How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?” ¹⁶ Then he said, “I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, ‘These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.’ ” ¹⁷ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?” ¹⁸ Then *Micaiah* said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left. ¹⁹ And the LORD said, ‘Who will persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.

²⁰ Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, ‘I will persuade him.’ The LORD said to him, ‘In what way?’ ²¹ So he said, ‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And the LORD said, ‘You shall persuade *him* and also prevail; go out and do so.’ ²² Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you.”

²³ Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, “Which way did the spirit from the LORD go from me to speak to you?”

²⁴ And Micaiah said, “Indeed you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!”

²⁵ Then the king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king’s son;

20= (“Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?” – see the above map, was asked to both false prophets including Zedekiah and Micaiah the true prophet in verses 5 and 14. All false prophets ruled by a lying spirit, allowed by God like Job’s case, lied to Ahab and Jehoshaphat the kings to go to war; Jehoshaphat asked God’s counsel through a true prophet in verses 4 and 6, but disregarded Micaiah’s divine counsel in verses 22 and 24, and 27. He was fleshly persuaded by Ahab and the other false prophets; The verse 14b to go to war was Micaiah’s mocking or sarcastic saying to Ahab, Zedekiah, or false prophets who were persuading him to go to war in verse 12 and hated him. It’s noted Satan or devils may be conversed with God upon solely God’s allowance for God’s good purpose. Satan or devils, defeated by Jesus’s triumphant victory via His crucifixion with blood and resurrection, accuses Christians day and night until their destruction into the lake of fire. Again watch and prayer always! *Job 1:8-10; Rev 12:10-12; Col 2:15*⁵)

⁵ *Job 1:8-10* Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” ⁹ So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land; *Rev 12:10-12* Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”; *Col 2:15* Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

<p>²⁶ and say, 'Thus says the king: "Put this <u>fellow in prison</u>, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction, <u>until I return in peace.</u>" ' ' "</p> <p>²⁷ But Micaiah said, "<u>If you ever return in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me.</u>" And he said, "<u>Take heed, all you people!</u>"</p> <p>²⁸ So <u>the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat</u> the king of Judah <u>went up to Ramoth Gilead.</u></p> <p>²⁹ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "<u>I will disguise myself and go into battle; but you put on your robes.</u>" So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into battle.</p> <p>³⁰ Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots who <i>were</i> with him, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but <u>only with the king of Israel.</u>"</p> <p>³¹ So it was, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "<u>It is the king of Israel!</u>" Therefore <u>they surrounded him to attack; but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him,</u> and God <u>diverted them from him.</u> ³² For so it was, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they <u>turned back from pursuing him.</u> ³³ Now a certain man <u>drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor.</u> So he said to the driver of his chariot, "<u>Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded.</u>" ³⁴ The battle increased that day, and the king of Israel propped <i>himself</i> up in <i>his</i> chariot <u>facing the Syrians until evening; and about the time of sunset he died.</u></p>	<p>26= (Micaiah's delivery of the true word of God caused his affliction in prison, showing his holy fear of God rather than the fear of man. And it also shows Micaiah as an heir of the glorious kingdom of heaven incomparable with his present suffering time. Today, for joint heirs with Christ, our Agape love in Christ Jesus our Lord can't be separated by any others. <i>Mat 10:28; Mat 5:10; Rom 8:17-18, 38-39</i>⁶)</p> <p>29= (Ahab's plot, in which Ahab did not wear his king robe via his disguise but Jehoshaphat wore his king robe, was diabolically, devilishly, or evil because the plot was designed both (1) to put Jehoshaphat in the risk of death as Syria the enemy's fighting target in verse 30 and (2) to reign the nation of Judah upon the death in addition to his reigning nation of Israel)</p>
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study

⁶ *Mat 10:28* And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell; *Mat 5:10* Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.; *Rom 8:17-18, 38-39*¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us..³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Loudermilk Family Newsletter – May 2023



Dear Friends and Family,

This was a fun event for us. Many of you know that before moving to Korea 17 years ago, I taught at a Korean church in Southern California for about 8 years. The wonderful young woman sitting across from me is Hannah, one of the kids I taught from elementary school up until I think it was her first year of high school. She came with her Dad, two people behind her and her mom, across from him. They came to visit family in Korea for a couple weeks but stopped by to see us as well. Now of course Hannah is not a kid anymore and that other white guy in front of her is her amazing husband. Her dad was and still is the pastor from the church way back then. There are also other people in the picture that we also knew from that church that live here in Korea now. So we all had a chance to just get together for coffee and catch up a bit.



At Calvary Chapel in Daejeon, we have just begun the book of Acts on Sunday. It has been over two years going through John's gospel since we decided to go through it verse by verse. But now it is time to start working through a little more topically so that we can make faster progress. But we will still go through it verse by verse in our afternoon Bible reading time. Going through the book of Acts is always interesting, because it is a reminder of our need for the Holy Spirit to empower us for whatever work God calls us to do. We know that when we are born again the Holy Spirit dwells in us, but there is an aspect about asking and trusting God for that empowerment as well.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (Luke 11:9-13)

Thank you always for your prayers and support –
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