

Prayer?

Please list your prayer requests with detailed information of people in need. Thank you!

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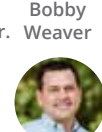
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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown

Today's Message: Spiritual Warfare: Godliness on Display and the Erosion Thereof (Lessons from the life of King Asa)

Today's Text: Colossians 2:9-14

Spiritual warfare is the daily battle against a mortally wounded enemy who tirelessly works to destroy believers.

King Asa was the great-great-grandson of King David and was the king of Judah for 41 years. He was preceded by his father Abijah who reigned for 3 years.

Why Asa was a godly and gracious king (for the first 35 years):

1. He understood the abundant goodness of the Lord and responded by a continual godly reformation of character.

"And Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God. He took away the foreign altars and the high places and broke down the pillars and cut down the Asherim and commanded Judah to seek the Lord, the God of their fathers, and to keep the law and the commandment. He also took out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the incense altars. And the kingdom had rest under him. He built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest. He had no war in those years, for the Lord gave him peace." 2 Chronicles 14:2-6

2. He embraced the promise and the hope of 2 Chronicles 7:13-14, 16:9.

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him." 2 Chronicles 16:9a

3. He humbly depended upon the Lord amidst overwhelming difficulties.

"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." 2 Chronicles 14:11

4. He obediently received God's revelation:

"As soon as Asa heard these words, the prophecy of Azariah the son of Oded, he took courage and put away the detestable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities that he had taken in the hill country of Ephraim, and he repaired the altar of the Lord that was in front of the vestibule of the house of the Lord. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon who were residing with them, for great numbers had deserted to him from Israel when they saw that the Lord his God was with him." 2 Chronicles 15:8-9

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"And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul." 2 Chronicles 15:12

"And all Judah rejoiced over the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and had sought him with their whole desire, and he was found by them, and the Lord gave them rest all around." 2 Chronicles 15:15

5. (Once again) He embraced 2 Chronicles 16:9a.
6. His allegiance to the living God was supreme (it even superseded his love for his mother) (2 Chronicles 15:16).

"So, we must turn down or disqualify our nearest and dearest when they come between us and our obedience to God. Heaven knows, it will seem to them sufficiently like hatred. We must not act on the pity we feel; we must be blind to tears and deaf to pleadings...it will be too late when the crisis comes, to begin telling a wife or husband or mother or friend, that your love all along had a secret reservation- "under God" or "so far as a higher Love permits." They ought to have been warned; not, to be sure, explicitly, but by the implication of a thousand talks, by the principle revealed in a hundred decisions upon small matters. Indeed, a real disagreement on this issue should make itself felt early enough to prevent a marriage or Friendship from existing at all." C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*, pg. 19, 124-125

Why did Asa spend his last 6 years as king in futility?

1. The "good times" (20+ years of peace and prosperity) ruined his perspective on the spiritual battle which is part of daily living.
2. He forgot 2 Chronicles 16:9a and 2 Chronicles 7:13-14.
3. He placed himself above God's revelation.

"Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in the stocks in prison, for he was in a rage with him because of this. And Asa inflicted cruelties upon some of the people at the same time." 2 Chronicles 16:10

"Every wrong thought, feeling, word, or act, every failure to think, feel, speak, or act rightly, at once alters a man's character for the worse. Hence forth he will find it easier to sin and more difficult to do right; he has twisted another strand into the cord of habit: and though each may be as fine as the threads of a spider's web, in time there will be cords strong enough to have bound Samson before Delilah shaved off his seven locks. This is true punishment of sin: to lose the fine instincts, the generous impulses, and the nobler ambitions of manhood, and become every day more of a beast and a devil."

W. H. Bennett, *The Books of Chronicles*, pg. 365

Discussion questions for this sermon are available online.



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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop by the Welcome Center following the worship services to say hello and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday Bible Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a

Contemporary Worship / Sunday Bible Classes
Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a



Next Steps.

1. Attend a Guest Luncheon

Get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our pastor and some of our staff, and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our next free luncheon is **October 8 at 12:30p** in the Gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

2. Find a Sunday Morning Bible Class

Our Sunday Morning Bible Classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study and discuss the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center or go online to choose from a variety of classes.

3. Join a Community Group

An authentic biblical community provides a place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. We have a variety of over 60 groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group from our summer offerings.

4. Become a Member

Sign up online for our upcoming New Members Class on **October 21, 2017**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family. We designed this class to clearly explain what we at East Cooper Baptist Church believe.

5. Serve in a Ministry

Explore all the ministry opportunities within the church and in our local community by going online at eastcooperbaptist.com/serve.

Childcare.



We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Please take advantage of our nursery for children up to age three during the worship services. Our ushers are ready to assist you.



This Week.

For detailed information please go online.

SUN

AUG 13

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
Community Group Leader Training
12:15p Gym

MON

AUG 14

Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p Choir Room D-wing

TUE

AUG 15

Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30p Worship Center

WED

AUG 16

Community Group Leader Training
6:00p Gym
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room
Seeking God Lifestyle Study
6:30-8:00p Worship Center

SAT

AUG 19

Community Group Leader Training
8:30a Gym
Families Count Mentor Training
9:00a Annex

GLOBAL IMPACT

FEATURED MINISTRY FOR AUGUST

Throughout the month of August we are featuring our Global Impact ministry. We will celebrate all the work God has accomplished this summer through mission trips, as well as see how He is working around the world through our global partners.

Stop by the kiosk in the Welcome Center for more information and see how you can get involved. Your coffee donations will go to help support this ministry!

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Upcoming Events.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY Are you thinking of leading a Community Group? Fall CG meetings resume Sept 17th and CG leader training will be held this week. To apply and attend a training session, go online and complete the leader form, or for more information contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.



AUG 16 Join Buster as he leads the study, "Seeking God Lifestyle" every Wednesday from August 2nd-30th from 6:30-8:00p. Cost is \$20 and childcare is provided with your registration. **REGISTER ONLINE**



AUG 19 Families Count is a Christ-centered, holistic ministry of the church that focuses on family restoration and preservation. If you would be interested in being a mentor please attend the August 19 training at 9:00a in the Annex.



AUG 20 Beginning with next week's observance of the communion, we will offer the option of a gluten-free wafer to those with severe allergies. If you are interested, please pick up your gluten-free wafer on your way in at the communion tables.



AUG 20 GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Contact Carl Schooling at carls@eastcooperbaptist.com for more information or go online.



AUG 25 & 26 This is a great time to join or invite anyone who has an interest in joining the choir or orchestra. Perhaps joining our contemporary worship band is something you're interested in. For more info contact Donna Carole at donnacarolek@eastcooperbaptist.com.



AUG 27 If you are interested in being baptized, please register for a baptism date. An ECBC pastor will then contact you to schedule an interview. Our next ocean baptism will be at IOP County Park at 3:00p. **REGISTER ONLINE**



SEP 5/6 Ladies, come be encouraged as we look at 1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ - a video study with Jen Wilkin. The study is offered both Tuesday mornings at 9:30a and Wednesday evenings at 6:30p Childcare is available for infants through K5. **REGISTER ONLINE**



NEW TO ECBC?
After the service, stop by the Welcome Center

Please complete the perforated section and place in the offering plate or bring by the Welcome Center.

08.13.17

Hello.

If you're here for the first time, please come by our Welcome Center and say hello. We'd love to answer any questions and say thanks for being our special guest today.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00am 10:45am

I am a first time guest

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- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other