

## Amaziah, King of Judah - 2 Chronicles 25:1-28

**Topics:** Accountability, Advice, Anger, Backslide, Challenge, Compromise, Courage, Enemies, God's Will, Government, Heart, Help, Idolatry, Law, Listening, Money, Murder, Partnerships, Pride, Prophecy, Punishment, Rescue, Right, Running, Sacrifice, Unfaithfulness, Victory

### Open It

- \* 1. How would you handle a child who says he or she loves you but continues to disobey what you instruct him or her to do?
- 2. What are your buying habits like (impulsive, careful, bargain hunter, etc.)?
- 3. To what kind of insult or challenge are you most vulnerable?

### Explore It

- 4. Who succeeded Joash as king? (25:1)
- \* 5. How devoted to the Lord was Amaziah? (25:2)
- 6. What did Amaziah do to avenge the death of his father? (25:3)
- 7. What did the Law of Moses command about punishing sons or fathers for each others' sins? (25:4)
- 8. Who did Ahaziah hire to serve in his army? (25:6)
- 9. What warning did the man of God give to Ahaziah about blending his army with the men from Israel? (25:7-8)
- 10. What did Ahaziah do about the men he had hired for his army? (25:9-10)
- 11. How did Ahaziah's smaller army fare in their battle against the men of Seir? (25:11-12)
- \* 12. How did Ahaziah stray from the Lord upon returning home victorious from battle? (25:14-15)
- 13. How did Ahaziah respond when he was confronted by the prophet? (25:16)
- 14. How did Jehoash trick Ahaziah into meeting him in battle? (25:17-21)
- \* 15. What role did God play in Jehoash's defeat of Ahaziah? (25:20)
- 16. What was the outcome of the direct confrontation between the armies of Judah and Israel? (25:21-22)
- 17. What damage did Jehoash do to Jerusalem and the temple? (25:23-24)
- 18. How did Ahaziah finish out his life? (25:25-28)

### Get It

- \* 19. Why would Ahaziah be described as someone who did what was right, but not wholeheartedly?
- 20. What are some of the indications in this story of Ahaziah's less-than-wholehearted devotion to God?
- \* 21. What are the major reasons some Christians wander away from the Lord?
- 22. How did pride contribute to Ahaziah's problems?
- 23. What are some instances in which your pride has been used against you?
- 24. What are the signs when a person is wholehearted in his or her commitment to the Lord?
- 25. How could Ahaziah worship false gods immediately after he had seen God give his undersized army a victory?
- 26. What has the power to come between you and your faithfulness to God?
- 27. How does God discipline us or try to get our attention when we are unfaithful to Him?

### Apply It

- \* 28. What change do you need to make in your habits or relationships this week to become wholehearted in your commitment to the Lord?
- 29. What can you do this week to remain humble and restrained so that you can't be goaded into foolish actions because of pride?

