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Sometimes we are faced with hard decisions in life and the choice we make can change everything. There are many examples of this but a major one can be found in The Bible, more specifically, within 1Kin 22:1-40.

In this story there are a couple major characters mentioned: Jehosephat the king of Judah, Ahab the king of Israel, and Micaiah a prophet. Jehosephat came down to visit Ahab and he used this as an opportunity to convince Jehosephat to go to war with him against Ramoth Gilead. Jehosephat recommended he ask God what he thinks.

Ahab proceeded to gather his prophets, they all prophesied victory, however, Jehoshaphat recommended that he ask for a prophet of the God of Israel. As a result Micaiah, the true prophet, was brought forth. Ahab didn't want to ask him for advice since all he does is prophecy against him. Yet, he heard what he had to say anyway. Micaiah prophesied an upcoming defeat, causing Ahab to have him imprisoned. Despite his warning, the kings go to war; Ahab is struck by an arrow and dies. The chapter concludes with Jehoshaphat returning to Jerusalem in peace.

Personally, I think that Ahab's character is negative. In this story he is portrayed as wicked and idolatrous king who disregards the word of the Lord and follows false

prophets. Not only this, but he is also shown to be deceitful and manipulative. He tried to trick Jehoshaphat into going to war with him despite knowing his thoughts about it.

I think Jehoshaphat's character is good. He sought the counsel of the Lord through a true prophet and showed a desire to do what is right. However, despite having these traits he was also portrayed as naïve and easily swayed, as he agrees to go to war with Ahab despite Micaiah's warning.

Micaiah's character is portrayed as a faithful prophet who speaks the truth despite the consequences. He is a true God-fearing man who is willing to stand up to the false prophets and the kings, even though he knows it may lead to his imprisonment.

Looking at this text, we can learn that God is a God of truth who speaks through his prophets, even when the message is not what people want to hear. We also see God's sovereignty in the death of Ahab, as it fulfills the prophecy spoken against him.

Explicit lessons that we can learn from this story include the importance of seeking the counsel of the Lord, the danger of following false prophets and ignoring the truth, and the consequences of disobedience to God's word. We can also learn about the importance of being faithful to God's truth, even when it may lead to persecution or difficulty.