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When it comes to reading and understanding the bible it is important to understand the context and timing of every scripture. In reading 1kings 22 we learn that there are no wars present between Israel and Syria for the last 3 years. Although it was hard to believe it was good while it lasted because after those 3 years because at the end of those years the king of Israel Ahab decided that he wanted the land back from Syria. When the king thought about this he decided he really wanted to do this he called a friend for counsel. The king of Israel called the king of Judah whose name was Jehoshaphat asking him to support him in the war against Syria. Although Jehoshaphat had no problem going to the war he asked the king of Israel to seek God for the answer to make sure God had approve of this. In short, in 1kings 1-40 we are given the chance to see real prophets and fake prophets. In this chapter we learn the importance of telling the truth whether it is accepted or not.

Looking at Ahab's character it is safe to say that Ahab although he was a king he was very ungodly. Ahab was considered grand because he had a decent amount of intelligence. He was very authoritative which made him ungodly because he would not submit to any higher power beside himself. Jehoshaphat's character in this scripture can be seen as Godly. Jehoshaphat is seen to have a Godly character in 1kings 22 because in verses 1 to 40 he knew to commit everything to God. Jehoshaphat knew that it was important to acknowledge God because only

God could save the nation. Before going to battle he made sure to seek the face of God for grace and favor because he knew that his people were God's people. Micaiah's Character in 1kings 22 can be described as a true prophet. In this scripture we can tell that the prophet is approached because they know that he will never be afraid to tell the truth.

Personally, through this text I think it is important to learn the importance of telling the truth. As a Christian it is important to be truthful no matter what it may cost us because the truth will always set you free. God is characterized as a faithful friend who will never fail us. If God guarantees to never fail us then we should strive daily to obey God. In obeying God it is important to make sure that you follow his instructions fully because if Micaiah didn't follow his instructions then the people would not know how to fight.

In my Christian life I can use this story to remind myself to be truthful no matter the situation at hand. By telling the truth I give myself the ability to be free. No matter the consequence by telling the truth I know I did the right thing. By telling the truth I give myself the ability to also set others free. One of the lessons that I learned in this story that I can take with me on my walk with Christ is that as a Christian it is important to listen to the voice of God because his instructions and directions are vital for my life.

Lastly, from reading 1kings 22 as a Christian it helps us to understand that we have hardships but God will carry us through. When things are planned against us God has the power to reveal it and help us get through it with grace. This personally helps me to understand that God has my best interest at heart. God will not allow anything to happen to harm me but to mold and shape me in humbleness which will later give me wisdom.