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Written Assignment #4

King Jehoshaphat went to Israel to visit the king. The King of Israel wanted to start a war even though there had been no war for over 3 years. The King of Israel asked Jehoshaphat to go with him to fight Ramoth-Gilead. However, Jehoshaphat wanted to see what the Lord wanted. They were looking for a prophet but there was only one prophet that the King of Israel hated because this prophet only prophesized bad things in his life. He asked all the other prophets and the prophets said that the "Lord will hand over the King". Finally, they went to ask the prophet which he hated and the prophet also said that the Lord will hand over the King. The King of Israel questioned the prophet, believing that he was lying. The prophet then told him that the Lord put a spirit of lying on all the prophets, and has "pronounced disaster over you". In the end, the King of Israel died in battle despite trying to fool the men in battle.

I think Ahab is bad. Ahab was not favored in the eyes of God, and God made that very clear to Him. Not only did God put a spirit of lies in all of the prophets, but also revealed this to Ahab, to make sure he knew that he would soon come to an end. God had intervened in Ahab's life to destroy him. If God has to intervene, this means that this was serious to God. Ahab had to die this way, and nothing could have happened to stop him. Ahab also said that he hated a prophet because he only spoke ill of Ahab. However, this prophet was telling the truth. Ahab did not want to agree and neglected wisdom. He could have listened to the prophet before it was too late.

Jehoshaphat is an in-between character. He reached out to Ahab to spark a battle. Since Ahab was bad, this does not make Jehoshaphat wise with this decision. However, he did tell Ahab to seek counsel from prophets, to see if it is the Lord's will. This is an in-between because you should not associate yourself with someone that seeks destruction. You cannot ignore someone's character just because you want someone from them. Jehoshaphat asks if there is a prophet from the Lord, but Ahab answers that there is one but that he hates him because he speaks the truth that he does not agree with. This alone should have been discerned by Jehoshaphat.

Micaiah is a good character in the Bible because he was a truthful and faithful prophet of the Lord. Ahab did not want to go to him for that specific reason. Micaiah spoke only evil towards Ahab, but that is because Ahab was only doing evil. Micaiah was faithful to the Lord even if it will make some hate him for it.

What can you learn about God's character from this text (try to be precise);
From this text, I can learn that God is just. Ahab was bringing destruction to His people and had an evil heart. God knew his intentions and was just to bring him to his death. God loves his

people and the other king would not be handed over. You can see that God will restore what is lost and will redeem his people.

Lessons I can learn from this story that I can apply to my Christian life is to not get involved with those that have evil in their heart and to listen to those that are faithful to the Lord. As a Christian, you should not be walking with those that do not love God. Seek God and fear the Lord for wisdom and knowledge through life. There are some that will be foolish and God will have to punish them, you do not want to be involved in that situation. Also, if those that are faithful to God are saying that you or someone you are “working” with will see destruction, then it is time to repent and change your ways.