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1 Kings 22:1-40 there were no wars between Syria and Israel for 3 years. The King Jehoshaphat decided to visit the king of Israel and asked him to go in war with him. Jehoshaphat had no problem with it, except that he wanted to have God's consent what the prophets said was not enough for him that's why he asked the King of Israel if he knew a prophet of the Lord. The king of Israel Ahab recommended to Jehoshaphat Micaiah and they force him to lie and say the same thing as the 400 prophets unfortunately he was not a good liar. The King of Israel felt he was lying and asked him to tell the truth, Micaiah predicted the defeat of Israel, and the death of the king according to the vision of God, they did not believe him and the King sent him to prison until he return from the war in Ramoth-Gilead. As Micaiah was predicted, Ahab died on the battlefield, buried with their fathers and was replaced by his son Ahaziah.

Ahab was stubborn, in the King 22 we can see how ungodly he was. He thought he can do everything by himself without the help of God. He lets himself guided by the power and think he is more powerful than God, which is what causes his loss. However Jehoshaphat the king of Judah was a faithful worshiper of God, and very respectful. His weakness is that he made a lot of bad decisions for instance the war of Israel against the Lord. Even though he made a lot of bad decisions, but every decisions he consulted God before and pray after each victory. He was honored and made wealthy from tribute. Micaiah was a prophet of God who not afraid to tell the truth even though he knows the consequences he does not care. He had a lot of faith to the Lord. Micaiah personifies the ideas of equality and justice, encouraging us to always say the truth.

I have learned a lot of thing from the 1 Kings 22:1-40 the disobedience of the lord can cost my life. I have to know when is it the voice of God that speaks and when it is not the voice of God. The majority is not always right is it not because I do not like someone that this person necessarily does not tell the truth sometimes hurts but I had to accept it. I have also learned I can have a lot of faith in God if I make the wrong decisions and make alliances with people who do not accept God's will it can lead to my fall and be punished by God. Follow his path and his commandment this is the best way to see his power and let him guide me always put him first in every decisions I have to take in my life. Truth is something indispensable for my relationships with God. Never rejected the truth just because I want to hear something else this is a big mistake I should never apply in my life. I will make sure I always make a wise decision to please the Lord. No matter how difficult or painful the word of the Lord is, I must want to know what God has to say, I will never mocking a messenger from the Lord. God has the best timing for every circumstances if is not God's timing I will waste my time. I am a child of God I must obey him and never think that I am superior to him.