

## GOD WANTS ME TO ASK HIM FOR HELP

**KING ASA**

2 CHRONICLES 14:7

**Day 9**

One of the basic principles of life is that a man will not ask for directions when lost while driving his car, especially if he has a woman with him. I have tried to analyze why I do this. First, I do not want to take the time; second, I do not want to admit that I need help; third, I do not want to look bad in front of my wife or other woman passenger. The way to save face in a marriage is to make your wife walk into the gasoline stop & get the directions. That way, you only lost your image to her. The dumb thing is that you still had to stop, so it still cost you time. You did not have to admit needing help, but you did broadcast throughout the car how truly pathetic you really are.

King Asa asked the Lord for help several times during his reign. It matters not whether he was pressured into it or not; he still had to ask God for help in a situation that he (the king) could not handle alone. God knows we do not like to ask for help. Growing up as child, one of my biggest goals was to accomplish as many tasks as possible without asking for help, even if I did it wrong. We think we are grown up, mature, strong, independent, reliable, productive, and respected if we do stuff alone, without needing anyone to help you. Many of us were raised wrong. We should have been taught how responsible it is to ask for help & work with other people on that task whenever possible, not demonstrating a weakness but a strength. Working with others develops quality & productivity in us, so that if we need to work alone, we can do it because it is necessary, not because we demand it.

When we ask help from God, He loves it!! He wants to prove Himself to be strong. Even when it sounds lame, ask God anyway. Rather than think about how awful it is for you to ask God for help, think about the Prodigal Son's father. He waited & waited & waited for his son to need Him. One day his son did need him. That father ran down the road to hug him & help him. Oh, Lord, I need You so much!

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

1. Is it difficult for you to ask God for help? In what areas are the most difficult?
2. What strategies should you develop to begin involving God in more areas of your life – asking for help all the time?

**A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.