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Topic: Compromise Never Pays

Scripture text: 1 Kings 22:29-50

1. When we compromise on our faith, we have failed God. We compromise when we fear man or the fear of the loss of possessions or our lives more than God.

2. Compromise will cause us to experience spiritual dullness. Jehoshaphat foolishly agreed to be used as a bait in the battle with the Syrians, despite the prophecy that they will lose the battle. His compromise caused him to be blind to the dangers that will befall him. Spiritual things can only be discerned with the help of the Holy Spirit. By the grace of God, let us obey God's Word and walk righteously in His sight.

3. Compromise will lead to unnecessary trouble. Jehoshaphat was in great distress when the Syrian army mistook him for Ahab and attacked him. The army of Judah and Israel also went through a worthless endeavor. Unnecessary hurt and deaths could be avoided if he chose not to fight the battle with Ahab. The compromise of God's Word will pierce us through with many sorrows. Jehoshaphat's compromise also led to a failed witness to his family, Ahab and the nation of Israel.

4. Compromise will lead to vain ventures. Jehoshaphat did not learn from his earlier lesson of compromise and went on to cooperate with Ahab's ungodly son. They built ships with the intention of sailing to Ophir to amass personal wealth. The Lord was merciful towards Jehoshaphat by breaking the ships so as to awaken him from his spiritual dullness (2 Chronicles 20:35-37).