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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder: Selah.

King Asa's Secret to Success

2Ch 14:1 NKJV *So {King} Abijah rested with his fathers, and they buried him... Then Asa his son reigned in his place...
4 AMP* He commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, [to... **crave Him as a vital necessity**] and to observe the law and the commandment.

At first glance the other day, this seemed fairly unexceptional but as I further considered, it grabbed my full attention. Not only did King Asa *command* the nation to seek the Lord fervently but Vs.4 offers a clear "vertical / horizontal" distinction and priority. **1st seek ... then do.** The benefits of this simple principle became quickly clear.

7 AMP ...*The land is still ours, because we sought the Lord our God; we have sought Him [yearning for Him with all our desire] and He has given us rest and peace on every side. So they built and prospered.*

It was actually Ch.15, as I continued reading, that revealed the true magnitude of their fervency (the source of vs.7.)

The context of additional verses details the source of King Asa's success and **without this essential context, 14:7 can neither be understood nor enjoyed.** Selah.

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Amplification

2Chr.15:2 AMP...*the Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him [inquiring for and of Him, craving Him as your soul's first necessity], He will be found by you...*

12 *And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their fathers, and to yearn for Him with all their heart's desire and with all their soul;*

15 *And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with*

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