



Welcome

SERIES: KICKING YOUR BUTS

Message: But I Don't Need God

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PRAYER: Gracious God, we come before you today, humbly recognizing our deep need for you in every aspect of our lives. We confess that without your guidance and strength, we are lost and incomplete. Fill us with your presence, Lord, and direct our steps according to your perfect will. May our lives always reflect our dependence on your unfailing love and grace. In the mighty, matchless, miraculous and majestic name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Describe your greatest strength in one word

INTRODUCTION: Uzziah's story is a powerful reminder that while God empowers us for great things, our success is always a reflection of His grace, not our own self-sufficiency. As we remain humble and dependent on God, our crown becomes a vessel for God's glory. Our achievements don't lead to isolation, but to deeper communion with God. As strong, capable, intelligent, and anointed as you are, always remember, the source of your strength, your capability, your intelligence, and your anointing: you need God! Commit or recommit to living a life of radical dependence on God, knowing that our greatest power lies not in what we can do, but in what God can do through us.

BIBLE STUDY: Read 2 Chronicles 26:16-19 (NLT): ¹⁶ But when he had become powerful, he also became proud, which led to his downfall. He sinned against the Lord his God by entering the sanctuary of the Lord's Temple and personally burning incense on the incense altar. ¹⁷ Azariah the high priest went in after him with eighty other priests of the Lord, all brave men. ¹⁸ They confronted King Uzziah and said, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord. That is the work of the priests alone, the descendants of Aaron who are set apart for this work. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have sinned. The Lord God will not honor you for this!" ¹⁹ Uzziah, who was holding an incense burner, became furious. But as he was standing there raging at the priests before the incense altar in the Lord's Temple, leprosy suddenly broke out on his forehead.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **What was your biggest takeaway from the message?** What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message? What points did you find most insightful?
2. **The Seduction of Success:** King Uzziah's success led to his downfall because he became arrogant. Have you ever known anyone who was successful and began to think, feel or believe that they didn't need God? How does this story illustrate the subtle nature of arrogance? What are some contemporary examples of how success or power can lead to similar spiritual or personal pitfalls?



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3. **Boundaries and Authority:** Uzziah overstepped a clear boundary set by God regarding who could offer incense. Arrogance can cause people to believe that the rules do not apply to them. Can you think of contemporary examples of this truth? What consequences arise when boundaries are disregarded?
4. **Confrontation and Courage:** The priests, led by Azariah, courageously confronted King Uzziah despite his power and anger. What can we learn from their actions about the responsibility to speak truth to power, even when it's difficult or dangerous? What factors might hinder people from confronting wrong actions today?
5. **Costly Consequences:** Uzziah's leprosy was an immediate and visible consequence of his choices. While not all choices result in such immediate judgment, what does this passage teach us about the reality of consequences for our actions, both in a spiritual sense and in our everyday lives? How might understanding this impact our decisions?

CHALLENGE: Who is someone you are praying will come to know God better? Can you send them a note/text/email this week or share the link to this weekend's message?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: care@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: care@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000

EMAIL: emergencyassistance@myspbc.org.

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Small Group Leader Guide

Would you like to START or JOIN a Small Group at Saint Paul's?

Most existing groups are open to new group members, and new groups begin on a regular basis. If you have friends in a small group, ask about joining their group. If you are new to Saint Paul's and are looking for a place to connect, please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to help you find the right group.

Leader Tips:

The GPS document is a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you must use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through while others will be over in a few seconds!

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was taught on the weekend. Just ask questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our small groups. So, have fun with the people in your group.

Agenda for a Small Group Gathering

Gathering Time

Take 5-10 minutes to welcome everyone, catch up and if planned, share some food!

Discussion Time

Here's a suggested format:

1. **Ice Breaker** – Lighthearted icebreaker question (5-10 min.)
2. **Discussion** - Discussion time, Bible study, application challenge (30-40 min.)
3. **Prayer** – Prayer requests and praying for one another (10-20 min.)
4. **Planning** – Remind the group of how we serve together (e.g. usher, sing, greet, pray, etc.)