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There are seasons in life when listening to the voice of God matters more than the loss you may suffer—because obedience is what brings healing to your soul.

There was a king of Judah named Amaziah. One day, he found himself facing war against his enemies, the Edomites. He organized his own army in preparation for battle, but he realized that his forces were not enough. So he turned to his brothers from Israel and hired their soldiers for a very large sum of money.

In total, he hired about one hundred thousand (100,000) soldiers.

However, as he was about to go to war, a prophet of God came to

him and said, “Do not take these soldiers you hired with you, because I am not with them. Go to battle with your own army alone.”

This was extremely difficult for Amaziah. His strength would be reduced, and on top of that, he had already paid a great amount of money for those soldiers. He had made a serious financial investment, and the money could not be recovered.

But because Amaziah feared God, he obeyed the voice of the Lord. He was willing to accept the loss. He went into battle with a weaker army, and the Lord helped him—granting him a great and overwhelming victory.

2 Chronicles 25:6-9

“He also hired a hundred thousand mighty warriors from Israel for a hundred talents of silver. But a man of God came to him and said, ‘O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the Lord is not with Israel—with all the sons of Ephraim. But if you go, be strong in battle; God will overthrow you before the enemy, for GOD HAS POWER BOTH TO HELP AND TO OVERTHROW.’

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How often do people fail to follow Jesus simply because they are afraid of the losses they might face if they make that decision?

I once spoke with a man who said he truly loved God, yet he owned several bars—not just one—and claimed that was how he earned his living. I told him he needed to leave that business, because God has the power to give him something better if he obeys Christ. But it was too hard for him to accept, and he chose to continue in that business.

Another person we witnessed to was ready to be saved, but said she had no job and survived by selling her body to pay rent and utility bills. She said openly, “If I give my life to Christ, I know I will have to stop this work. Then I will have no income at all. How will I survive in the city?”

Brother, sister—if you are among those who find it hard to abandon the works of the devil because you have invested a lot

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of money in them, or because you fear becoming poor, or because you think another job will pay less—remember this truth: “God has power to help and to overthrow,” and “He is able to give you much more than that.”

He can give you double what you had before. And even if He does not, He can give you a life of peace and contentment far greater than where you were before. Jesus Himself said, *“What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?”* Amaziah accepted temporary loss because he fully trusted that God would give him more than everything he had lost.

It is better to give your life to Jesus now, while there is still time. Many people today are trapped—every investment they have is tied up in gambling, drugs, alcohol and cigarette businesses, or in immoral and worldly lifestyles.

Walk away from these things and trust the God who is calling you. You will be safe, and He will help you sustain and direct your life.

May the Lord bless you.

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