



# TRANSFORMERS

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*CONFORM* : Comply with rules, standards, or laws;

:Be Similar in form or type

*TRANSFORM* : Make a marked change in the form, nature, or appearance of





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2 Chronicles 18: 1-3

Jehoshaphat replied, “I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will join you in the war.” But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, “First seek the counsel of the LORD.” So the king of Israel brought together the prophets—four hundred men—and asked them, “Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I not?” “Go,” they answered, “for God will give it into the king’s hand.”

2 Chronicles 18: 4-5



But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no longer a prophet of the LORD here whom we can inquire of?” The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, There is still one through whom we can inquire of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaiah son of Imlah.”

2 Chronicles 18: 6-7

When he arrived, the king asked him, “Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I not?”

“Attack and be victorious,” he answered, “for they will be given into your hand.” The king said to him, “How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?”

Then Micaiah answered, “I saw all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd, and the LORD said, ‘These people have no master. Let each one go home in peace.’ ”

2 Chronicles 18: 14

## LESSON 1 – NO ONE IS IMMUNE

The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the ways of his father David before him. He did not consult the Baals but sought the God of his father and followed his commands rather than the practices of Israel.

2 Chronicles 17: 3 - 4

## LESSON 2 – COMPROMISE WITH THE WORLD COMPROMISES OUR DEFENCES

Jehoshaphat his son succeeded him as king and strengthened himself against Israel.

He stationed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah and put garrisons in Judah and in the towns of Ephraim that his father Asa had captured.

2 Chronicles 17: 1 - 2

## LESSON 3 – BEWARE THE “GOOD CAUSE”

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2 Chronicles 18: 1 – 3a

# LESSON 4 – COMPROMISE WITH THE WORLD COMPROMISES OUR IDENTITY

Jehoshaphat replied, “I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will join you in the war.”

2 Chronicles 18: 3b

## LESSON 5 – WE ARE EXPOSED WHEN WE CONFORM TO THE WORLD

The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will enter the battle in disguise, but you wear your royal robes.” So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into battle. Now the king of Aram had ordered his chariot commanders, “Do not fight with anyone, small or great, except the king of Israel

2 Chronicles 18: 29 -30

When the chariot commanders saw Jehoshaphat, they thought, “This is the king of Israel.” So they turned to attack him, but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the Lord helped him. God drew them away from him, for when the chariot commanders saw that he was not the king of Israel, they stopped pursuing him.

2 Chronicles 18: 31 -32



# RELATIONSHIPS AT RISK OF COMPROMISE

MARITAL



SOCIAL

When Jehoshaphat king of Judah returned safely to his palace in Jerusalem, Jehu the seer, the son of Hanani, went out to meet him and said to the king, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD?

Because of this, the wrath of the LORD is on you.

2 Chronicles 19: 1-2

MARITAL

SPIRITUAL

BUSINESS

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3

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SOCIAL

POLITICAL



Later, Jehoshaphat king of Judah made an alliance with Ahaziah king of Israel, whose ways were wicked. He agreed with him to construct a fleet of trading ships. After these were built at Ezion Geber, Eliezer son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have made an alliance with Ahaziah, the LORD will destroy what you have made." The ships were wrecked and were not able to set sail to trade.

2 Chronicles 20: 35 - 37

# KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

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2 Chronicles 18:

# EXPECT CONTACT

23 Then Zedekiah son of Kenaanah went up and slapped Micaiah in the face. “Which way did the spirit from the LORD go when he went from me to speak to you?” he asked.

25 The king of Israel then ordered, “Take Micaiah and send him back to Amon the ruler of the city and to Joash the king’s son, and say, ‘This is what the king says: Put this fellow in prison and give him nothing but bread and water until I return safely.’ ”

2 Chronicles 18:

# SUBMIT

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