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What does it look like to stand firm in the face of overwhelming evil? In 2 Chronicles 22 and 23, we encounter a story that feels strikingly modern: a royal family corrupted from within, a mother who actively encouraged her son toward wickedness, and a culture so saturated with wrong that hardly anyone dared to call it what it was. Yet in the middle of all that darkness, a priest named Jehoiada 'showed his strength' -- not through brute force, but through conviction, courage, and covenant. He refused to play it safe. He organized, he acted, and he protected what God had promised. The spiritual lesson here cuts deep for us: passive silence in the face of evil is not neutrality. It is, in its own quiet way, a form of encouragement toward the wrong. We are called to be a priesthood of believers, and that priesthood has always carried a warrior's responsibility. The question this passage places before us is uncomfortably personal -- when God calls us to arms in our own spheres of influence, our families, our friendships, our communities, do we rise up or do we calculate the cost and retreat into safety?