

UZZIAH

- You can read about Uzziah in 2 Chronicles 26 or listen [here](#).
 - Uzziah is mentioned in Isaiah 1:1 , 6:1 and 7:1.
 - He is also mentioned in Hosea 1:1, Amos 1:1 and Zechariah 15:5 and in the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:8-9.
- Uzziah means my strength is God.
- Uzziah was a king in Israel for 52 years
- “But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.” (2 Chronicles 26:16)
- He was stuck with leprosy, living in a separate house and unable to enter the temple of the Lord till he died.



King Uzziah stricken with leprosy
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REFLECT

- You might like to read the passage from 2 Chronicles again and pause at a word or phrase that strikes you.
- Meditate over this word or phrase with God until you come to a point of stillness.
- What do you sense God's invitation to you might be and how do you want to respond?
- As you finish your time of prayer you might like to thank God for the life of Uzziah.
- What God has to teach you through the life of Uzziah?
- You might like to close your time of prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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RESPOND

- At some point this week you might like to pray practically with the narrative of Uzziah
- You could do this through collage, poetry, bible art journalling, or another creative approach
- You might like to ponder what pride looks like in your life.
 - Where do you see yourself as 'more' than God sees you?
 - Where do you see yourself as 'less' than God sees you?
- You might like to begin to spend your times of intentional prayer by stopping and pausing and being aware of God looking at you in love.



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They say it comes before a fall,
Pride.

Those times when puffed up
Full of my own importance
My strength is my own.
I see myself as bigger than I am.
A greater grain of sand.

They say it comes before a fall
Pride.

Those times when I diminish myself
Failing to recognise
The strength of God within.
Forgetting the imprinted image of my creator.
Invisible on the shore.