

2 Chronicles 20:12-26

3 Directions To Follow When We Don't Know What To Do



Context/Background

- Author: Strong tradition says, Ezra (written approx. 450-400 BC)
- Audience: The Jewish captives who returned from Babylon
- Main Theme: When people returned from captivity they wondered if God's promises were still valid. God affirmed He would always be faithful to His word
- Setting: The King of Judah, Jehoshaphat, is attacked by a large army made up of pagan people. In midst of great trouble, he exemplified what to do when things seems impossible

Remembering God's Position and Power

- (v. 12 & vv. 3-7) King Jeshoshaphat was already close to Lord; didn't wait for emergency to have relationship with Him
- Jehoshaphat and people went immediately to Lord first!
- (vv. 3-7) Called people to seek the Lord, then rehearsed God's resume
- Remembered God's strength and power
- God is King over all and has all power; there is none greater than Him
- Nothing is impossible with God!

- Ps. 115:3, “Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases.”
- Job 42:2, “I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.”



Seeking Out And Applying God's Word

- (vv. 13-17) The Lord sent His answer. He absolutely hears and answers when we call
- (v. 15) One key; “Listen!” Don’t miss the word of the Lord
- God responded, “Don’t be afraid and don’t be discouraged.”
- Very interesting (doesn’t make logical sense), position yourselves but you won’t have to fight
- God gave His answer; the people were to hear, listen, and apply

- Jeremiah 33:3, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things that you know not of.”
- Ps. 19:10, “...More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”



Faithfully Submitting To God's Plan

- (vv. 18-21) People obeyed God and moved according to His word
- Very interesting; put worship team out in front of army
- Sought to do things God's way, not way of world; didn't make logical sense, but it was what God wanted
- King Jehoshaphat made the case for faith in Lord
- (Faith: believing God and His word and living it out despite what our senses, circumstances, and society tells us)

- Matt. 26:39, “...O Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”
- Isaiah 55:8, “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord.”



Miraculous Results

- (vv. 22-26) When people in position and worship started, God moved mightily
- God caused great confusion to overcome the enemies of Judah; they destroyed each other
- (v. 22) “...and they were defeated.”
- (v. 24) “...No one escaped.”
- Complete victory; people collected the valuable left-overs of the battle for 3 days!
- Valley of Barachah: lit. “Valley of Blessing”