



40 Days of prayer

Week 6 – How to Pray in a Crisis

Foundation Passage:

..Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.
2 Chronicles 20:15

²Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria, and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which is En Gedi). ³And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

2 Chronicles 20:2-3

SIX LESSONS FROM KING JEHOShAPHAT

Turn to _____.

³And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
2 Chronicles 20:3

Never let a problem intimidate you. Instead, let it motivate you to pray! Seek God for supernatural wisdom and guidance before you do anything else.

- Remember _____

⁶and said: "O LORD God of our fathers, *are* You not God in heaven, and do You *not* rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand *is there not* power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?

2 Chronicles 20:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

- Remember _____

⁷Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

2 Chronicles 20:7 New International Version (NIV)

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⁷Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give [this land] forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

2 Chronicles 20:7 New International Version (NIV)

- Appeal _____

¹⁰“But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them.

¹¹See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance.¹² Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

2 Chronicles 20:10-12 New International Version (NIV)

Jehoshaphat said to God, “ I know who you are, I know what you have done, I what you have said, and I know what you can do – and I am asking you to do it again!”

- Admit _____.

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2 Chronicles 20:12

Miracles never happen until you admit that the situation is impossible without God’s help.

²⁶ But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26

- Rely _____.

We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

2 Chronicles 20:12

- Rest _____.

‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s....

¹⁷You will not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD *is* with you.”

2 Chronicles 20:15,17

- Thank God _____.

Sing victory songs before you see the victory!

²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

“Praise the LORD, For His mercy *endures* forever.”

2 Chronicles 20:21

Thank God for what He is going to do, even though you don't know how He is going to do it. If you thank God after the fact, that is gratitude, but if you thank God in advance, that is faith.

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6

²² Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

2 Chronicles 20:22

The Israelites did not run in fear; they stood firm in their faith. They did not have to lift a finger; they just lifted their voices in worship, and their enemies self-destructed. There is power in praise!

- Expect God _____.

²⁴ So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there *were* their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

²⁵ When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.²⁶ And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah [blessing], for there they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day.

2 Chronicles 20:24-26

When you let God fight your battles, it is a witness to everyone around you.

²⁹ When all the surrounding kingdoms heard that the LORD himself had fought against the enemies of Israel, the fear of God came over them. ³⁰ So Jehoshaphat's kingdom was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

2 Chronicles 20:29-30 New Living Translation (NLT)

Activate

If you or someone you know is going through a crisis, use Jehoshaphat's model of prayer this week.

1. Turn to God for help with these three reminders:
 - a. Are You not?
 - b. Did You not?
 - c. Will You not?
2. Admit your dependency on God to come through for you.
3. Rely on God's resources
4. Rest in faith
5. Thank God in advance for hearing and answering your prayer.
6. Expect God to turn your battle into blessings.

Day 36, March 29, 2018- 2 Chronicles 20:6

2 Chronicles 20:6

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2 Chronicles 20:6

What did you hear?

What did God say to you as you read today’s bible passage?
What word or phrase was most meaningful to you?

What do you think?

What is God revealing to you about this passage? How does it apply to your life?

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Day 37, March 30, 2018- 2 Chronicles 20:7-9

2 Chronicles 20:7-9

⁷ Are You not our God, *who* drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? ⁸ And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, ⁹ 'If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name *is* in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.'

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Day 38, March 31- 2 Chronicles 20:10-12

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Day 39, April 1- 2 Chronicles 20:15-17

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¹⁵ And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God’s. ¹⁶ Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD *is* with you.”

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Day 40, April 2, 2018- Hebrews 11:6

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