



## Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series:

“Prayer”, Week 11 - July 13, 2025

Theme: Facing Battles Bigger Than You

### Opening Questions:

Think about a time when you felt completely out of control in a situation. What was your first instinct—to fix it yourself or seek help? The sermon opened with examples of overwhelming situations (illness, financial crisis, relationship issues). Which of these resonates most with your current season of life?

### Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-4

#### Discussion Questions:

- What made Jehoshaphat’s situation particularly desperate? (Surprise attack, vastly outnumbered, no time to prepare)
- How does verse 3 describe Jehoshaphat’s response? What does “resolved to inquire of the LORD” tell us about his mindset?
- Why do you think he proclaimed a fast for all of Judah rather than just handling this as a personal crisis?

### Read 2 Chronicles 20:5-12

#### Discussion Questions:

- In verses 6-7, how does Jehoshaphat start his prayer? What does this tell us about effective prayer?
- What does Jehoshaphat do in verses 7-9 before asking for help? Why is remembering God’s past faithfulness important?
- How does verse 12 summarize our human condition when facing impossible situations?

### Read 2 Chronicles 20:13-19

#### Discussion Questions:

- What was God’s response through Jahaziel? What key phrase stands out to you?
- How did the people respond to God’s promise in verses 18-19? What does this teach us about faith?
- Why do you think they worshipped *before* seeing the victory?

### Read 2 Chronicles 20:20-30

#### Discussion Questions:

- What was unusual about Jehoshaphat’s battle strategy in verses 20-21?
- How did God fight the battle for them? What does this reveal about God’s power?
- What was the outcome beyond just victory? (Plunder, peace, fear of God in surrounding nations)

### Application Questions:

1. Current Battles: What “battle bigger than you” are you currently facing? How does Jehoshaphat’s approach challenge your typical response?
2. First Response: The sermon asks, “Is that your reaction? Is that who you immediately run to when facing your enemies’ attacks?” How do you typically respond to crisis—self-reliance or God-reliance?
3. Remembering God’s Faithfulness: Like Jehoshaphat remembered God’s past victories, what are some ways God has shown up for you in previous difficult seasons?
4. Prayer Focus: Jehoshaphat’s prayer had three elements: Acknowledging God’s sovereignty (v. 6); Remembering God’s past faithfulness (v. 7-9); Admitting powerlessness while fixing eyes on God (v. 12). Which of these elements is hardest for you to incorporate into your prayers?
5. Worship Before Victory: The people praised God before seeing the outcome. What would it look like for you to worship God in your current situation before seeing how He resolves it?
6. Community Support: Jehoshaphat involved all of Judah in seeking God. Who in your life can you ask to pray with you about your current battles?

**Challenging Questions:** Are you trying to fix your problems with your own power instead of God’s power? Are you focusing on what you’re facing or who you’re facing it with? When you don’t know what to do, do you turn your eyes toward God?

**Prayer:** Confession: Acknowledge areas where you’ve tried to handle battles in your own strength; Remembrance: Thank God for specific ways He’s shown up in past difficulties; Surrender: Give your current “impossible situations” to God; Worship: Praise God for His sovereignty and faithfulness, even before seeing resolution. This week, spend time in prayer using Jehoshaphat’s model: Start by acknowledging God’s power and sovereignty; Remember and thank God for past victories; Admit your powerlessness while declaring your trust in Him; Ask for wisdom and strength to “keep your eyes on Him.”

### Closing Thought:

*“We serve a God who is all knowing, all powerful, and who has already defeated any and all enemies that can rise up against us. Some of us need to stop fighting our battles with our power and start fighting with the power of God.”*

**Remember:** Whatever you’re facing may be bigger than you, but it’s not bigger than God.

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