

You will not have to fight this battle.
Take up your positions; stand firm

and see the deliverance the **LORD** will give you, Judah and Jerusalem.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Go out to face them tomorrow, and the **LORD** will be with you.

-2 Chronicles 20:17-



2 Chronicles 20 - The Battle After the Battle

Memory Verse:

2 Chronicles 20:15 NKJV

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

Read: 2 Chronicles 20

We read that fear gripped the people of God. How has the enemy used fear against you in your life?

We read that Jehoshaphat's response to fear was to seek the Lord, dig in deep (the call to fast), and to call in the people. How do we best seek the Lord in the face of fear?

What are we tempted to seek instead of going to God? Why do those things tempt us away from seeking Him?

How could digging in deep through fasting help us as we battle our fear?

Jehoshaphat immediately brought the entire Kingdom in to seek the Lord through fasting and prayer with him. What role do others play as we overcome our fear?

Read: Mark 10:14-15, Psalms 37:5, 1 Samuel 17:47 NLT

Maturity in the Lord is different than maturity in the world. It involves embracing dependance upon the Lord. It is living life in surrender Him. How does having faith like a child help us to come to godly maturity?

What kind of faith inspires the type of prayer we read about in 2 Chronicles 20:12?

It is difficult to develop that kind of faith without enduring a trial of some sort. How has going through hard times increased your faith?

Before heading into battle, God only asked them to v20 “Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.” What does it mean to believe this deeply in the Lord?

When we are facing fear or difficulty, it is tempting to ask God to help us, but still insist in our own way. In the message Pastor Kelly said, *“If we step in and try to fight the battle our way, we are inviting God to leave.” We see this prove true in other stories in scripture. Has this proven itself true in your life? If so, how?*

When the people of God began to sing of the beauty of God’s holiness, it had a profound affect on God’s people and their enemies.

- They kept God as the center of their hope and worship.
- They made God a priority of their lips.
- They gave God preeminence in their hearts.

How does worship change you? How does worship increase your faith?

The sad story of Jehoshaphat is that while he was a good king, he failed in some critical areas, namely he did not destroy the high places, and he made his own alliances with wickedness.

What are the high places that we still need to destroy?

How does justifying sin in our lives create alliances with wickedness?

Note from PK: I am calling us, as a church to a 21 day fast starting next Sunday August 10th. I am asking you to pray and ask the Lord what you should fast. I believe God has great things in store for our church, and that we will see them when we seek Him together!