STORMS OF LIFE / OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION NOVEMBER 9, 2025 / PASTOR BEN MOORE

Text: 2 Chronicles 20:9-12 (NIV)

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| When Faced With Overwhelming Opposition |
| 1 to God. "Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the LORD; and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah." 2 Chronicles 20:3 (NASE) |
| 2 to God. |
| • Remember – God is "Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard and said: 'O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you." 2 Chronicles 20:5-6 (NIN) |
| • Remember – What He's "O our God, <u>did you not</u> 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 (NIV) |
| • Then ask – Will you? "O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to fact this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you." 2 Chronicles 20:12 (NIV) |
| • God's response: "He said: 'Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: "Do not be afraid of discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's."" 2 Chronicles 20:15 (NIV) |
| 3 - with others |

"Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD."

2 Chronicles 20:18 (NIV)

"All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones,

2 Chronicles 20:13 (NIV)

stood there before the LORD."

4. God.

"You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O 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 (NIV)

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"On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, 'Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! <u>Believe in the LORD your God</u>, and you will be able to stand firm. <u>Believe in his prophets</u>, and you will succeed."

2 Chronicles 20:20b (NLT)

5. _____ God in advance.

"After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: 'Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever.'"

2 Chronicles 20:21 (NIV)

The Results:

"As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated." 2 Chronicles 20:22 (NIV)

"The fear of God came upon all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side."

2 Chronicles 20:29-30 (NIV)

Going Deeper:

- What past victories or miracles has God performed in your life that you can recall when facing current overwhelming opposition?
- How does the practice of daily thanksgiving, rather than waiting for special occasions, change your perspective on the storms and blessings in your life?
- What does it practically mean to admit to God that you have no power to face your current situation and that your eyes are completely upon Him?