



Lesson 4: Confidence In The Crisis **2 Chronicles 20:1-30**

We can be confident in a time of crisis if we let our great need drive us to prayer and faith in our great God.

2 Chronicles 20:1-4 - we see their great need

2 Chronicles 20:5-13 - Jehoshaphat's prayer reveals their great God

2 Chronicles 20:14-30 - we see their faith in their great God and the victory He brought about.

1. A Recognition Of Our Great Need Should Drive Us To Prayer (1-4)

A. A recognition of our great need does not automatically drive us to prayer.

- He resisted the temptation to panic.
- He resisted the temptation to get angry at God.
- He resisted the temptation to trust his army.
- He recognized his great need, so he prayed.

He realized that he could do some things after he had prayed, but he could not do anything worthwhile before he prayed.

Prayer was his strongest weapon.

B. A recognition of our great need requires humbling ourselves before God and others.

2. A Recognition Of Our Great God Should Direct Our Prayers (5-13)

A. In our prayers we should not only seek answers to our problems, but we should seek God Himself.

- He focuses on God Himself - (6-9)
- He mentions the problem - (10-12)

B. In our prayers we should seek God as revealed in His Word.

- He recites God's attributes - (20:6)
- He recites God's actions - (20:7)
- He calls attention to God's ability to deal with the problem, in contrast to Israel's inability (20:12).

3. Reliance on our great God should follow our prayers (20:14-30).

A. Reliance on God means being obedient to His Word.

B. Reliance on God is always rewarded by God.

Discussion Questions

1. How can we keep from growing bitter toward God when trials hit?
2. Agree/disagree: Pride is the main thing that keeps us from prayer.
3. If we only pray to get what we want rather than to seek God Himself, what does it reveal about us?

4. How can we trust God when we feel He has let us down about something in the past?

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