

True Strength in Turbulent Times
“It’s Easy for the Lord”
Growth Group Discussion
2 Kings 3

Opening Questions (get everyone involved in discussion):

- Read Jeremiah 32:37. Share an instance when God showed up in your life to do something that was impossible for you but easy for him.
- Begin with prayer. Take at least 30 seconds to be silent, clearing your minds of distractions and preparing to hear from God’s word.

1. Read 2 Kings 3:1-27

- **Call on the mercy of God - v.9-12**
 - **look at the responses of the kings in verses 10-12.**
 - Verse 10 is a response based upon someone who is looking for strength in himself.
 - Jehoshaphat (v.11) - is a response of someone who knows there is a God and a power outside of himself.
 - Think back, if you can, on your life before Christ. How has your response to difficulties changed after meeting the Lord?
 - How so? What things did you worry about because you were relying upon your own strength?
 - Is there something that you are going through that you need God’s mercy for?
 - Notice that Jehoshaphat calls and inquires about God and he answers. Even when we wander, if we will stop and call upon God’s mercy, He is faithful to provide it.
- **Stand on the Word of God (v.15-20)**
 - Read - Psalm 119:160, Psalm 19:7, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 17:17, 2 Peter 11:20, 2 Timothy 3:16. All these verses speak about the trustworthiness of God’s word.
 - The Word of God has power. Is there a life verse or Scripture that you have stood on in the past? What was it? Why does it minister to you?
 - Think about the pandemic and our current political climate. In this turbulent time, it is becoming more clear that relying on politicians, media pundits, money, your own health or the government to hold you up is no longer a sustainable choice. How can you rely more on God’s Word this season? What external forces, circumstances can you foresee that would prevent you from regularly remembering this?
- **Wait on the power of God (v.21-27)**
 - Read Hosea 12:6, Psalm 27:14, Psalm 37:7, James 5:7-8. All these verses point to the importance of waiting on the Lord.
 - We all know waiting is hard. But why do you suspect that God commands us to wait on him so much? What can waiting teach us that other things cannot?

- Give an example of when you waited on God and he answered. What was God trying to do in your life through making you wait.
- Is there something that you have been waiting for God to deliver on?

2. Application

- Pastor Henry said: “God pours out grace when we least expect it, mercy when we least deserve it.” Where have you seen God’s unique grace and mercy in your life over the last year? Spend time praising God for this.
- The big idea of 2 Kings 3 is not to summon the strength within. Call on, rest in and wait on the power of God that exists outside us.
 - Reflect for some time. Is there any area that you are trying to rely on your own strength to carry you through? If so, repent of that.
 - What are you facing now or anticipate you will face that you need God’s strength to help you get through?
- Because of Jesus Christ, the Father looks at us with the affection and pride He has when He looks at his son Jesus. Knowing that there is no such thing that is hard for the Lord, take some time to reflect and ask God for something that is difficult. Remember James 4:2 says: “You do not have because you do not ask God.”

PRAYER:

- Pray in response to what God has shown you through this study and discussion.
- Take time also to share about and pray for any other needs that exist in your group.