



The Battle Belongs to the Lord

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Question:

Have you ever faced situations
that seem impossible?

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Have you ever tried to do the
right thing and things have
gotten worse?

2 Chronicles 29:1-3 NKJV

Hezekiah became king when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah. ² And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done.

³ In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them.

2 Chronicles 20:4 NKJV

So Judah gathered together to ask *help* from the LORD;
and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek
the LORD.

1 Chronicles 16:11 NKJV

Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!

Proverbs 8:17 NKJV

I love those who love me,
And those who seek me diligently will find me.

2 Chronicles 20:5-12 NKJV

Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, ⁶ and said: “O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? ⁷ Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?

2 Chronicles 20:5-12 NKJV

⁸ And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, ⁹ ‘If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.’

2 Chronicles 20:5-12 NKJV

¹⁰ And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them— ¹¹ here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit. ¹² O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.”

2 Chronicles 20:13 NKJV

Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD.

Biblical Fast:

Spiritual discipline of abstaining from food or another physical activity to draw closer to God, deepen spiritual growth and express repentance and mourning.

2 Chronicles 20:10 NKJV

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2 Chronicles 20:12 NKJV

O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.”

Notice:

“But our eyes are on you ...”

Question:

Do I ever “lean on my own understanding”
and neglect to trust God?

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

Truth:

When we face trials we need to stay
humble and put our trust in God!

2 Chronicles 20:13-15 NKJV

Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the Lord.

¹⁴ Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. ¹⁵ And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.

Truth:

The battle belongs to the Lord

2 Chronicles 20:16-18 NKJV

Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you.”

¹⁸ And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the Lord, worshiping the Lord.

2 Chronicles 20:19-21 NKJV

Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with voices loud and high.

²⁰ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.”

2 Chronicles 20:19-21 NKJV

²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

“Praise the Lord,
For His mercy endures forever.”

Truth:

Give honor and glory to God in all situations. Remember He is the One who fights our battles.

2 Chronicles 20:22-24 NKJV

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. ²³ For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

2 Chronicles 20:22-24 NKJV

²⁴ So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

Truth:

It is not a passive obedience. It is an active obedience that we are called to.

Truth:

God brings us through battles, storms and difficulties to grow and mature us in our walk of faith.

Truth:

Sometimes challenges teach us to trust
God and do things we would never
normally do on our own.

Truth:

Sometimes God spares us from distressful circumstances and other times He brings us through our distress and saves us in those circumstances.

Truth:

God often grows our faith as we trust Him
in our times of trouble and difficulty.

Deuteronomy 31:8 NKJV

And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

Romans 8:31 NKJV

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

2 Chronicles 20:25-26 NKJV

When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much. ²⁶ And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for there they blessed the Lord; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day.

2 Chronicles 20:27-30 NKJV

Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the Lord had made them rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸ So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the Lord. ²⁹ And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. ³⁰ Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.

Lessons:

- We need to give our battles to God.
- We need to seek God in difficult times.
- We need to remember to not do it alone but to trust God, not our own strength.
- We should worship God, obey God and then give honor to God as He fights our battles.