

Helpless (When we don't know what to do)

2 Chronicles 20

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Questions for discussion and application

- Can you tell the story found in 2 Chronicles 20? Retell it in your own words. What stands out to you? Does anything surprise you?
- “*Seeking the LORD*” is a major theme in Chronicles. Where is that theme clearly seen in 2 Chronicles 20?
- Read King Jehoshaphat’s prayer in 20:6-12. What facts does he lean on / make an appeal to? What promises does he remember / find hope in?
- When we face something completely overwhelming, what facts / promises can we remember and make an appeal to?
- “*We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you*” – is this a prayer of faith? How so?
- Jehoshaphat was not a perfect king (at all) but he took the time to listen to the Word of the LORD. We can be so busy trying to figure a way out or figure a way through our circumstance, that we fail to listen. What will it require of us to listen?
- In our entertainment driven culture we could easily end up listening to God’s Word as a form of entertainment. Do you agree? How do we avoid this?
Ezekiel 33:31-32
- How does this story inspire faith and worship? How does it inspire hope for a new day? How does it anticipate Jesus?
- Do you feel your back is against the wall, cornered by circumstances so much so you feel helpless? Can you find in this story and the in the Gospel of Jesus, promises to listen to and trust in? Take some time to pray about those circumstances with someone now.

“Seeking The LORD” is a main theme in Chronicles

1. Scared *and* resolved, Jehoshaphat PRAYS (2 Chronicle 20:3-13)

His prayer is “an appeal to the facts.”

He leans on the Abrahamic covenant, the Mosaic covenant and the Davidic covenant.

20:12 “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

“*We have no power to face this vast army*” = We’re helpless!

“*We don’t know what to do*” = We don’t have the answer; a plan!

“*BUT our eyes are upon you.*”

2. God SPEAKS (2 Chronicles 20:14-17)

3. Jehoshaphat BELIEVES (2 Chronicles 20:18-21)

Jehoshaphat heard, believed, spoke and moved.

Trust = whole-hearted belief in what God has said.

Verse 20 Jehoshaphat's pre-battle speech.

4. God DELIVERS (2 Chronicles 20:22-26)

This is a story that inspires hope for a new day, a story full of anticipation.

Jesus is the King who LEADS.
Jesus is the priest who INTERCEDES.
Jesus is the true Temple. (The place of God's presence – where forgiveness and restoration is found!)

- **Hebrews 12:2-3**
- **Romans 15:4** *“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”*