

“When You Don’t Know What To Do”
2 Chronicles 20
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We’re not just facing one enemy with the COVID crisis, but three: there is the global health pandemic, a national economy that’s under siege, and the personal crisis of anxiety and fear.

In 2 Chronicles, three armies conspired in one massive assault against Judah and their king, Jehoshaphat.

“After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.” (2 Chronicles 20:1, NIV)

So how did Jehoshaphat deal with this threat? What can we learn from this ancient leader that applies today?

Jehoshaphat called on the people to seek God.

“Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.” (2 Chronicles 20:3-4, NIV)

*“We have no power to face this vast army.
We don’t know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”
(2 Chronicles 20:12)*

The first lesson from this ancient leader:

If you don’t _____ what to do, seek _____.

So how do you seek the Lord?

1. Turn to face God.
2. Fast from something that is a crutch.
3. Pray on multiple days for the same thing.
4. Search the scriptures.
5. Seek the kingdom of God.

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33, NIV)

Jehoshaphat sought the Lord. But that's not all he did. God gave him a word and a plan was set in motion.

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

"Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful." (2 Chronicles 20:20, NIV)

Here's the second lesson: When God tells you what to do, take

_____ **as** _____ **as** _____.

There's one last thing that Jehoshaphat did.

"...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.' As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir... and they were defeated." (2 Chronicles 20:21-22, NIV)

Here's the final lesson from this story: When you don't know what to

do, keep _____.

Make this your daily prayer will be: *I don't know what to do, but my eyes are on you. In Jesus name, Amen.*

What is God saying to you today? What do you need to do in response?
