

LHCF Sermon Discussion Guide

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Unleashing a Life of Thanksgiving – Praise & Thanksgiving in Spiritual Warfare 2 Chronicles 20

1. Preparing for Battle

- **Wake** up

“After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to make war on Jehoshaphat. Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you...” 2 Chron. 20:1-2

- **Look** up

“O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.” 2 Chron. 20:6

Application – when threats face you from all sides...prayerfully contend for the reality that God is in control!

- **Stand** up

“If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.” 2 Chron. 20:9

Application – don't react to your situation, follow Peter's advice about the roaring lion “be self-controlled...resist him, standing firm in the faith...” Be willing to suffer and don't run away!

- **Man** up

"But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir...O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you." 2 Chron. 20:10-12

Application – don't be afraid to admit it when you're confused and uncertain what to do and instead keep looking to Jesus for what He would have you do, listen and obey!

2. Prevailing in Battle

- **God's part – He will fight for you**

"Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.'" 2 Chron. 20:15

- **My part**

A. Align my **heart** with the Father

"Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. Then some...stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with very loud voice." 2 Chron. 20:18-19

B. Align my **thinking** with the Father

"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 Chron. 20:20

C. Align my **actions** with the Father

"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." 2 Chron. 20:21

Remember: Our part is not a struggling or taking matters into our own hands approach rather it should be aligning our heart, thinking, and actions with the Father's!