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2 Chronicles 20

1 After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

2 Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, 'A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar' (that is, En Gedi).

3 Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to enquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah.

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4 The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord;indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard

6 and said:

'Lord, the God of our ancestors, 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.

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*12 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 on you.***

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*“When you look at
the world you’ll be
distressed,
when you look at
yourself you’ll be
depressed,
but when you look to
God you’ll be at rest”*

Corrie Ten Boom



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***We do not know what to do,
but our eyes are on you.***

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“Suffering is inevitable : Celebration is a choice.”

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14 Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah,

15 He said: '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.

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16 Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel.

17 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.”

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20 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.'

21 After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendour of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

*'Give thanks to the Lord,
for his love endures for ever.'*

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22 As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

23 The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

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24 When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked towards the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. 25 So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value – more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it.

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26 On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the Lord. This is why it is called the Valley of Blessing to this day.

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- ◎ They praised God for their breakthrough **before** their breakthrough v18/19
- ◎ They praised God **during** the battle v21
- ◎ They praised God **after** their breakthrough came v26

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*“There are two ways
we can view worship,
one is as a task,
something we do, the
other is worship as a
gift something we
receive and are invited
into”*

Louie Gigilo

