

## Trusting the Lord in the Midst of Trials

### A. The Context

1. After experiencing a crushing \_\_\_\_\_ because of an unholy alliance with the wicked King Ahab, King Jehoshaphat \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to turn Judah to the Lord. (2 Ch. 18-19)

2. The problem was that Jehoshaphat did not heed God's \_\_\_\_\_ but acted according to his own \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Are we sensitive to the will of God?

### B. The Test (2 Ch. 20:1-2)

1. The Lord allowed a trial in the form of an \_\_\_\_\_ for King Jehoshaphat and Judah.

2. Unlike the previous operation, Jehoshaphat was \_\_\_\_\_ right from the start, he was \_\_\_\_\_, there was no \_\_\_\_\_, and he was doing the \_\_\_\_\_ when this test occurred.

\* What can we learn from this?

### C. The Response (2 Ch. 20:3-13)

1. The Kings initial response was \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Ch. 20:3)

\* What is fear?

\* Can Christians experience fear?

2. In response to the normal reaction of fear, King Jehoshaphat and Judah sought help from \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Ch. 20:3-4)

\* Where can a Christian find help?

3. The content of King Jehoshaphat's prayer... (2 Ch. 20:5-12)

a) He acknowledged God's \_\_\_\_\_ (He is in control - 2 Ch. 20:6)

b) He acknowledged God's \_\_\_\_\_ (He is able - 2 Ch. 20:6)

c) He acknowledged God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Judah was His People -2 Ch. 20: 7)

d) He acknowledged God's \_\_\_\_\_ (God cannot lie – 2 Ch. 20:8-9)

e) He acknowledged their \_\_\_\_\_ (Their insufficiency – 2 Ch. 20:12)

f) He acknowledged their \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord. (Confident expectation of much needed help – 2 Ch. 20:12)

4. Then they \_\_\_\_\_! (2 Ch. 20:13)

\* Do we wait for the Lord's answer to your prayer?

#### **D. The Divine Answer (2 Ch. 20:14-21)**

1. God began His answer by \_\_\_\_\_ the assembly and their leader King Jehoshaphat. (2 Ch. 20:14-15)

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ their fear but did not \_\_\_\_\_ them for being afraid. (2 Ch. 20:15-17)

\* The issue isn't are you fearful but how do you respond to your fear?

3. God graciously gave them a \_\_\_\_\_ to not be fearful, this battle was the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Chron. 20:15-17)

4. Their response was that they \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. (2 Ch. 20:18-21)

#### **E. The Walk (2 Ch. 20:20-30)**

1. They were walking a \_\_\_\_\_ march...while in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial. (2 Ch. 20:20-23)

\* Faith enables the believer's soul to treat the future as \_\_\_\_\_ and the invisible as \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ them with exceedingly abundantly more than they asked or thought.

#### **F. The Warning (2 Ch. 20:31-37)**

1. King Jehoshaphat did \_\_\_\_\_ to follow God's will but chose to do his \_\_\_\_\_ thing and it ended badly.

2. Past success does not guarantee future \_\_\_\_\_ nor does past failures guarantee future \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Watchout! Will our success draw us away from the Lord?