

DARE TO BELIEVE

WEEK 1

Faith to be Delivered

NOTES

WARM-UP

- Do you like war movies? Why or why not?
- Tell us about two characteristics you look for in a leader. Why are these important to you?
- How do you respond when you hear bad news? Recall an instance explaining this.

WORD

“O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

2 CHRONICLES 20:12

(Read also **2 CHRONICLES 20:1-11.**)

The Israelites, with Jehoshaphat as their king, were surrounded by three vast armies who joined forces to attack them. But instead of just seeking for ways to help them solve their problem, they looked to God. Hence, a possible disaster ended up in victory. We all, at some point, struggle with faithlessness, especially when we encounter difficult situations. But knowing that God has the ability to accomplish His purpose can help us have faith to rely on Him fully. Faith is being convinced that God is trustworthy. Jehoshaphat chose to trust God despite the great battle ahead. He recognized the power of God to deliver them from their enemies. In this lesson, we will look at how we can seek God and have faith in God for deliverance.

1 Seek God in prayer.

Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the Lord . . . **2 CHRONICLES 20:3**

Jehoshaphat sought the Lord's face when the nation encountered a great crisis. In every situation (danger, challenges, and even opposition), our first response should be to seek God's help through prayer. Prayer builds our faith. It allows us to access God's heart and see His will over our situation. When we pray, we acknowledge that God is in control. We can focus entirely on God's power rather than our own. What is the confidence that we have in approaching God? (1 John 5:14,15)

2 Seek God in fasting.

Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

2 CHRONICLES 20:3

Fasting is one of the ways we humble ourselves and acknowledge that God is the only source of our victory (Psalm 35:13). Jehoshaphat *proclaimed a fast* and gathered the people of Judah to seek God. They were in great turmoil and they knew their only hope was in God—so they humbly sought the Lord’s help and believed that God would make them triumph. Recall a time when you fasted and how God revealed Himself to you during that time.

3 Seek God in worship.

²¹. . . “Give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever.” ²²And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed. **2 CHRONICLES 20:21,22**

When God’s people sought Him in worship, the plans of the enemy were thwarted. In the same way, when we feel overwhelmed with life’s challenges, we can choose to worship the Almighty God, who gives us the victory. Worship reframes our situation. When we feel weak and choose to praise God anyway, He provides us with strength (Psalm 8:2). How is worship a part of your daily life?

APPLICATION

- What are some of the things you end up seeking, aside from God? What do you think you need to do to seek God and fix your eyes on Him, starting this week?
- How can you seek God more closely this week? What's one thing you will do differently?
- What's one thing you are believing God for? How will you trust God to come through for you in this area?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His faithfulness and unchanging love. Pray that you will continue to trust Him completely.
- Pray that as you seek God, you will find Him. Ask God to help you develop spiritual disciplines—such as prayer, fasting, and worship—to know and love Him more every day.
- Believe God for breakthroughs for you, your family, and your Victory group this year.



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