

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION - 2 Chronicles 20:1-24, 30

DAY 1

Shannon opened with a question. Have you ever felt like what was in front of you was impossible and you had no idea how to move forward? If so, what did you do?

We're told that Jehoshaphat was afraid when he heard the news of the armies coming against him (2 Chronicles 20:3). When he was afraid, he turned to God and asked others to join him. How does it help when we seek God in trouble instead of just making a plan ourselves?

How does it help to ask others to join us instead of going through trouble alone?

It seems likely that Jehoshaphat sought the Lord because he knew his strength was in God - that he may have thought back in history to the times God had shown His power (ex. Parting the Red Sea - Ex 14, defeating Jericho - Joshua 6, Gideon's army - Judges 7, reflecting on the psalms - Psalm 20:7).

How does thinking about how God has been with you in the past help you in present trouble?

Do you have any trouble right now that you'd like to open up to God?

DAY 2

After seeking the Lord in trouble, Jehoshaphat and all the people waited for God's response. How difficult is it for you to wait for God when you don't hear Him respond right away?

Why is waiting difficult?



DAY 2 cont.

How is waiting a form of trust?

When God's answer came, it may have looked different than they expected (2 Chronicles 20:15-17), and yet their response was to worship and sing and then do what God told them to do.

How does trust help us obey? How is obedience linked to trust?

Read these two verses if you want to dig deeper into these two questions:

Hebrews 11:6a - *And without faith it is impossible to please him...*

James 1:22 - *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

What do these two verses reveal about how faith and obedience are connected?

When Jehoshaphat and the people trusted God enough to obey Him, they got to watch God show up.
How do trust and obedience put us in position to see God?

What are some things that you have already seen God do in the face of trouble in your life?

What do you imagine He might want to do even now in these troubling times?

Is there any trouble that you're in that you want to bring to God right now?

Jehoshaphat responded to trouble this way.

1. He turned to God and asked others to join him.
2. He waited and listened for God.
3. He trusted God enough to obey Him.
4. He watched God show up.

How could Jehoshaphat's example help you today?

