

Battle Ready
2 Chronicles 20:5-17

Hear Us Now – Part 2

9. Verses 31-37 contain a summary of King Jehoshaphat's reign. Looking at 35-37 especially, what is troubling about these verses in light of what has just been studied?

10. What is the two-fold tension concerning prayer?

_____ vs. _____?

11. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?



Key Thought(s)

The answer to the tension of _____?" is found in the knowledge that the "_____."



Personal Reflection

1. What do you believe God wants you to do this week as a result of this study?
2. What changes do you believe you need to make in response to this study?



For Next Week

In the third installment of the series, we look at Nehemiah 1:1-11 and a prayer that becomes a catalyst for the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the return of an exiled people.

Message Notes

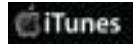
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Life Group Study Notes

Hear Us Now Sermon Series



Theme of this Week's Message

There are two great tensions when it comes to prayer and at some point we struggle with both to one degree or another. In today's message we look at a story that deals with these tensions, at a time when a nation and a king are confronted with a crisis that will test their faith and the power of prayer.



This Week's Memory Verse(s)

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2 NIV



Study

Note: This study is based on the entire chapter of 2 Chronicles 20 and will deal with parts of the text that were not covered in the message.

1. What is the biggest answer to prayer that you have ever received? Take a few minutes to discuss what impact this had on your life and your faith?

2. Why is the initial response of Jehoshaphat to the looming threat of war so unnatural for a king? (For those of you who are going to default to an answer like, "because that is what a godly king does," see question 9 that deals with verses 35-37).
3. Looking at the King's prayer in verses 5-12, what are the characteristics of God that he mentions?
4. Compare Jehoshaphat's prayer to Jesus' model prayer in Matthew 6:9-15? What are the key similarities?
5. The Spirit of the Lord comes upon a man named Jahaziel and he communicates the answer to the nation's prayers. What is the key theological truth that he states in verse 15?
6. Why does God command the King to take his army to the battlefield even though God has stated that they will not "need to fight"? What purpose does this serve?
7. How do the King and people respond to God's answer? What can we learn about worship from verses 18-24? What happened on the battlefield when the choir began to sing? (Notice in verse 21 the lyrics to their song)
8. What is the outcome of the battle? What is the significance of the Valley of Blessing in verse 26?