

LESSONS FROM JEHOSHAPHAT

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2 CHRON. 20:3-4

Although Jehoshaphat was inconsistent in his walk with God, this chapter records one of his greatest acts of faith and reveals lessons for finding God's help when under attack.

- 1.) Fasting. He encouraged the people to fast and seek the Lord together as a united people (V. 3).
- 2.) Prayer (5-6). He calls Him the God of their fathers (covenant); and of Heaven (creation). He boasts of God's power and faithfulness.
- 3.) Humility (12-13). He sought deliverance with humility and dependence.
- 4.) Guidance (14-17). God used prophets to give direction and guidance in the Old Testament. Today, He uses His Spirit and Word to direct and guide His children.
- 5.) Faith (20). They must believe in God to be established and in His prophets to prosper. Remember the role of the prophet today differs from the role in the Old Testament.
- 6.) Actions (21). Faith without works is dead, dormant, non-productive.
- 7.) God responds to faith (V21).
- 8.) Vigilance. Jehoshaphat became complacent and allowed some idols to remain in Judah. He established an alliance with a Baal-worshipping king in northern Israel. God sent a prophet to rebuke him. We are to stay vigilant in our walk with God.