

Ordinary Faith

2 Chronicles 17-19

Overview: 2 Chronicles 17-19

- Read 2 Chronicles 17-19.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- Prayer, Stillness and Faith are a powerful trinity if facing the many trials of life.
- Once we learn the power of waiting upon God we are free from all kinds of worry and pain.

Insights:

- Jehoshaphat was an incredible King for the Nation of Judah.
- He established national discipleship programs, military presence, and judicial systems.
- He must have struggled with some insecurity that caused him to enter into bad partnerships with the Kings of Israel.
- He faced a terrible trial in 2 Chronicles 20. It was terrifying and absolutely hopeless.
- Jehoshaphat sets an excellent example to what to do when there is nothing you can do.

Explore:

- Discuss Jehoshaphat's Successes.
 - Discipleship, (17:9)
 - Military, (17:12)
 - Judicial, (19:5-6)
- Discuss Jehoshaphat's Failures
 - Ahab, (18:28-29)(19:2)
 - Fleet of Ships, (20:35-37)
 - Lack of Commitment? (20:32-33)
- Discuss Jehoshaphat's wisdom and foolishness. What is your opinion of him? What do you think motivated him? What do you think hindered him? Did he struggle with a need for approval or something similar?
- Clarify the situation presented in 2 Chronicles 20:1-4.
- Read 2 Chronicles 20:6-13. Paraphrase the events you are reading about. Empathize with those being described. How would you feel? Discuss the prayer.
- Read 2 Chronicles 20:15-17. Discuss God's response.
- Now describe how you would have approached the next day. Discuss the personal challenge of vs 20:22.

Application:

Discuss Simple Daily Applications

Notes:

2 Chronicles 20:6-13 ESV...”O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. 7 Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? 8 And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, 9 'If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you--for your name is in this house--and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' 10 And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy-- 11 behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. 12 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." 13 Meanwhile all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

2 Chronicles 20:15, 17 ESV ...Thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's... 17 You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you.”

When Real People Pray...

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A Man with a Plan

He Established a System of Discipleship

2 Chron 17:9

He Established a Military Presence (ch 17)

He Established a Judicial System (ch 19)

He was a REAL Leader

A Man with a Weakness

A Marriage and a Battle (2 Chron 18)

A Fleet of Ships (2 Chron 20)

The Tyranny of the Good (2 Chron 19:2)

Prov 29:25

A Man with a Problem

Terrified

Prayer

2 Chron 20:12

Faith, Believe

2 Chron 20:17,20; Rom 10:17

Praise

2 Chron 20:22

Jesus Christ

Ephesians 4:19; 1:3

A Man with a Story!

They SAW a Great Victory

They REAPED a Great Harvest

They RECEIVED Peace

There is TREASURE in the troubles

God BE Glorified