

Experiencing The Supernatural When The Impossible Stares At You

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Primary texts: 2 Chronicles 20:1-15 & Luke 1:35

Life is full of challenges.

Everyone will face their mountain.

You will either face your fear with faith, or flee from the fear.

5 Lessons to learn from Jehoshaphat when we exercise our faith in difficult times:

1. JEHOSHAPHAT **RECEIVES** A NEGATIVE REPORT. (2 Chronicles 20:1-3, 4-5)

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NIV

2. JEHOSHAPHAT **RECOUNTS** THE WORKINGS OF GOD IN THE PAST. (2 Chronicles 20:6-8)

He is saying, "God has done it before!"

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds." Psalms 77:11-12 NIV

3. JEHOSHAPHAT REMINDS GOD OF HIS PROMISE. (2 Chronicles 20:9-11)

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

Psalms 23

4. JEHOSHAPHAT **REVEALS** HIS HELPLESSNESS, BUT EXPRESSES HOPE IN GOD.

(2 Chronicles 20:12-13)

- a. We have no power to face this challenge
- b. We don't know what to do.
- c. Our eyes are on you.

Psalms 121

5. JEHOSHAPHAT **RESPONDS** TO GOD'S MOVE AS HE TRUSTS HIM. (2 Chronicles 20:14-15)

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16 NIV

*"**Trust** in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.*

***Delight** yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

***Commit** your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this."* Psalms 37:3-5 NIV

Reflections:

- 1. **Recognize** that you are not immune from challenges.
- 2. **Recount** the things the Lord has done in your life and give Him thanks.
- 3. **Remind** God of His promises in His Word in times past.
- 4. **Reveal** (talk) to Him about your struggles, helplessness and your need for His visitation.
- 5. **Respond** positively to His ministration by the Holy Spirit.