Influencing God to Work for You

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INTRODUCTION

- This story is about a king, and his name is Jehoshaphat.
- We're in that time period that the kingdom is divided, and there is a northern kingdom that is called Israel, a southern kingdom called Judah.
- They ignore the man of God, and it almost cost Jehoshaphat his life.

1 Seek Help From the Lord

2 Chronicles 20:1–4

- Then Jehoshaphat was afraid, and he set his face to seek the Lord. And he proclaimed the fast throughout all Judah.
- Jehoshaphat was doing a lot of good things. He had set spiritual leaders at every city.
- Here's what we're going to do. We're going to pray. … Not only are you going to pray, you're going to fast.

2 I Got Nothing

2 Chronicles 20:5–12

- For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do. But our eyes are upon you.
- Probably one of the most humble statements made anywhere in Scripture.
- What kind of king says this? Well, an honest one.
- When Jehoshaphat says, I have nothing. I want you to grasp and understand that was the beginning of everything.

3 The Battle Is Not Yours, but God's

2 Chronicles 20:13–19

- Do not be afraid, and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours, but God's.
- Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf.
- He's of the descendants of Asaph, which means he would have come from the family of singers.
- God doesn't tell how he's going to fight the battle.

4 Jehoshaphat Doubled Down: The Singers Go First

2 Chronicles 20:20–21

- Would you be willing to go out and meet a great horde when you got nothing? Just because God said, Go.
- Believe in the Lord your God and you will be established. Believe his prophets and you will succeed.

- We're going to go out and meet them, and we're going to go out singing.
- Because you know what Jehoshaphat does? He put the singers up front.
- And they were singing, give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love endures forever.

5 The Lord Set an Ambush

2 Chronicles 20:22–23

- You mean just when they began to sing, all of a sudden the army turned on one another?
- They all helped destroy one another.
- It is not the most strategic thing to do if you were an army.
- The noise in that valley was probably so loud, and the rejoicing was so loud and strong. That when God set the ambush, set the panic button on the enemies, the enemies began to attack one another.

6 The Spoils of Victory Were So Great

2 Chronicles 20:24–27

- Behold, there were dead bodies lying on the ground. None had escaped.
- They were three days in taking the spoil. It was so much.
- Returning to Jerusalem with joy, for the Lord had made them rejoice over their enemies.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **When you relinquish control, when you, out of humility and meekness and submission, can say to your God, finally, I got nothing. Then and only then can his power work in your life.**

MY NOTES