Nothing is Everything

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INTRODUCTION

- Sometimes you have enemies all around you and you just don't know what to do.
- That's exactly how the Lord wanted Jehoshaphat and the people to feel because it was only then, when they were truly humbled, could he work for them.
- Whatever your enemy is, whatever your challenge is, God says this is the formula. And Jehoshaphat shows us the formula of deliverance.

1 He Used Fear Wisely

2 Chronicles 20:6; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 14:26

- When the news first comes to him, and he's told that there's this great horde coming and the enemy is coming, he immediately says, Let's pray.
- Oh Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God in heaven? You rule over the kingdom of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.
- He doesn't fear the horde more than he fears God.
- In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence, and his children will have a place of refuge.
- If you want to fear anybody, fear me. Fear me. But it's not some just trepidation fear. It's a fear out of respect.

2 He United the People With His Humility

Ephesians 6:12; John 10:10

- Isn't it interesting when the news came to Jehoshaphat? Jehoshaphat didn't blame anybody.
- His humility led him to his knees, and everybody else followed.
- When there's turmoil, we fail to recognize and understand who the real enemy is.
- We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness in this age, against the spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- You want to defeat this enemy? You do it with humility.

3 He Valued the Messengers of God

2 Chronicles 20:17

- When Jehaziel stands up and shares the message, Jehoshaphat goes, Yes. Yes. I've got to listen to the one who is spiritual.
- Children value what their parents value.
- You do not need to fight this battle. Stand firm. Hold your position. See the salvation of the Lord on your behalf.
- It wasn't because Jehazael was just some great guy. But he was simply sharing the message of God.

4 He Makes Peace With the Plan

Psalm 107:1–2; Psalm 107:43; 2 Chronicles 20:20

- God never said how it's going to play out. God just said, here's the plan. You ready? Trust me.
- Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. For his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.
- Sometimes the greatest peace is just found in having a plan.
- Believe in the Lord your God, and he will establish you. Believe his prophets, and you will succeed.

5 He Gathers All the Spoils of Grace

2 Chronicles 20:27–30

- They went from having nothing to now they literally have what? Everything.
- Don't count everything you don't have. Sometimes just gather the spoils of grace that are all around you.
- You can't manufacture your own victory. The victory comes from the grace of God and what he has provided.
- They returned to Jerusalem with joy, for the Lord had made them rejoice over their enemies.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And if that's what you're seeking this morning, we have a Lord who's ready to give you everything.**

MY NOTES