

## Seeking God's Guidance (2 Chronicles 20:1-22)

Basic Training – Part 11

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*Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

*Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."*

*John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

*James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*

### 1. Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ God

*2 Chronicles 20:2 Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Sea.*

#### 1A. Consider \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Chronicles 20:3 Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah.*

#### 1B. Invite \_\_\_\_\_ to pray

*2 Chronicles 20:4 The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ in God's presence

*2 Chronicles 20:5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard*

#### 2A. Acknowledge God's \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Chronicles 20:6 and said: "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.*

#### 2B. Remember God's \_\_\_\_\_ actions

*2 Chronicles 20:7 O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?*

### 2C. Present the current \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Chronicles 20:10 "But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them.*

### 2D. Ask for God to \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Chronicles 20:12 O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ for God's instruction

*2 Chronicles 20:14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah .... as he stood in the assembly.*

#### 3A. Trust that God is in \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Chronicles 20:15 He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.*

#### 3B. Believe that God is \_\_\_\_\_ you

*2 Chronicles 20:17-18a You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you."*

### 4. Put God's plan into \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4A. Have \_\_\_\_\_ in God

*2 Chronicles 20:20 Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."*

#### 4B. \_\_\_\_\_ God for His guidance

*2 Chronicles 20:21 After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."*

#### 4C. See God bring the \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Chronicles 20:22 As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.*

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## Study Guide

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Intro. What are the conditions in Proverbs 3:5-6 for God to guide us on the right paths?

What does Isaiah 30:21 tell us about God's desire to give us direction?

Why must all believers as Jesus' sheep learn to hear His voice (John 10:27)?

What is God's promise to those who need His wisdom (James 1:5)?

1A. What did King Jehoshaphat decide to do when faced with a massive invasion (2 Chronicles 20:1-3)?

1B. What is significant about all the people of Judah coming to seek the Lord together (2 Chronicles 20:4)?

1C. What aspects of this example can you apply to your own life?

2A. What is important about the way that Jehoshaphat began his prayer (2 Chronicles 20:5-6)?

2B. Why did the king recall God's past actions in his prayer (2 Chronicles 20:7)?

2C. What did Jehoshaphat request from God concerning the situation (2 Chronicles 20:10-12)?

2D. What can you learn for your own prayer life from the elements and order of this prayer?

3A. Why do you think that God spoke prophetically through someone other than the king (2 Chronicles 20:14)?

3B. Why were the people not to be afraid or discouraged (2 Chronicles 20:15)?

3C. What do you think the prophesy meant when it said to "stand firm" (2 Chronicles 20:17-18)?

3D. In what ways has God spoken to you in the past?

4A. Why is faith always essential in follow God's plans (2 Chronicles 20:20)?

4B. How would you have felt to be part of the praise team going at the head of the army (2 Chronicles 20:21)?

4C. How did God bring the victory (2 Chronicles 20:22-25)?

4D. What enemy are you facing in your life that you need God's guidance to win the victory over?