

# Message Notes

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# Message Outline

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### I. His Godly Character

1. He set his heart to seek God. (19:3, 17:3)
2. He brought the people back to God. (19:4, 17:3-9)
3. He established justice through a system of God-fearing judges. (19:5-11)

### II. His God-Given Test

1. *A great multitude is coming against you (20:2)*
2. *Jehoshaphat was afraid (20:3)*

### III. His God-Dependent Prayer

1. He fasts COLLECTIVELY.
2. He prays HISTORICALLY.
3. He prays FAITHFULLY.
4. He prays DESPERATELY.

### IV. His God-fought Victory

1. God's **promise** is the result of His prayer. (20:15-17)
2. Their **praise** is the response to God's promise. (20:18+)
3. Their **praise** is the ignition of God's victory. (20:22)

***Who are our enemies and how do we face them?***

## ***Growth Group Understanding Questions***

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1. Read the Chronicles of Jehoshaphat's life in 2 Chronicles 17-20. What were some of his mistakes? Explain the rebuke he receives in 19:2?
2. What statements are made in the text about J's personal devotion? What kind of practical leadership flowed from his personal devotion?
3. Why can we . . . must we . . . say that the invasion of J's enemies is a "God-given" test?
4. How does J. immediately respond upon hearing of the invasion? What is the thrice repeated phrase/word or concept? Why do you think the people rallied to their king?
5. Read carefully again J's prayer in 20:5-13. What do you see? How does J. pray historically? How does he pray faithfully? How does he pray desperately?
6. What is the relationship between J's prayer and God's promise of victory? What is the relationship between the people's praise and the victory accomplished by God?

## ***Growth Group Application Questions***

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1. What inspired you or challenged you about Jehoshaphat's story?
2. How is J. a model of leadership for elders in the church? For fathers in their families? For Growth Group leaders in the group?
3. What tests are you facing right now? How are you facing them? Why aren't we apt to pray desperately like J.?
4. J. was confronted by his enemies? Who are our enemies? How HAS the Lord already fought our battles for us? How WILL the Lord now fight our battles for us? In other words, I'm asking, "Is this story relevant to us at all?"
5. When did God cause the rout of J's enemies in 20:22? Do you think that praise and singing is a spiritual weapon that we can use today? How might we practically use it as we go to battle?