

There Is A Problem ... What Shall I Do?

“After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunitesb came to make war on Jehoshaphat. Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar” (that is, En Gedi). Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him. Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard and said: “LORD, the God of our ancestors, 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. 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? They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for Your Name, saying, ‘If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears Your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.’ “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. See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. 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 on you.” All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD. Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly. 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. Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.’ ” Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, 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.” 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.” 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. The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value— more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the LORD. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day.” (2 Chronicles 20:1-26)

How you would face a problem that spring up all of a sudden against you? How you can face problem from people whom you were of benefit to them? Such discouragements will have great effect on you. Or what you will do when you face problem bigger than your size? There are problems that are disastrous, but still there are ways to face them; to overcome, to win and to turn them into blessing to your behalf; this is what the word of God teaches us, **“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:37)** Jesus came from heaven, He died for our sins on the cross, He was buried and rose from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit having the victory over sin, satan, death, sickness and whatever evil power of this dark. Therefore through faith in Jesus we have the victory if we walk in His ways.

King Jehosaphat when he faced the big problem that we read, he came out of it because he followed God’s ways. The same for us when we have problem we will have the victory if we would follow His ways.

1) Seek help from the Lord: In praying and fasting with broken contrite heart, seek God’s help, seek God’s council, God’s advice and God’s deliverance. Tell the Lord this prayer, **“Lord do not know what to do, but my eyes are upon you.”**

2) Trust in the Lord: **“Anyone who trust in Him will never be put to shame.” (Romans 10:11)** Have faith in the Lord, stand firm and see the deliverance of the Lord. Even in big problem praise Him that is how you express your faith and trust in Him. He will work it out in ways we never think or imagine.

My dear and beloved: God can turn the mess and disaster that you are in to a victory and great blessing. Just trust and have the confidence in Him, He can deliver you out as you agree to pray.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit this problem, _____, into your hand. I don’t know what to do but my eyes are on you. I trust you Lord, for you are the only one who can deliver me from this problem. This is all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*