

SEEK. PRAY. WORSHIP.

When we encounter adversity, our response should be to seek God, pray, and worship Him.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Our main text from 2 Chronicles 20 starts off by telling us that “the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat” (v. 1). “Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah” (v. 3).
- ❖ King Jehoshaphat reacted like any of us would—he was scared. But even though he was afraid, he chose to seek after God when he encountered adversity.
- ❖ Scriptures like Deuteronomy 4:29 direct us to seek God: “But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.”
- ❖ Seeking God is a foundational or principal practice in the life of every believer of Jesus Christ. When we seek God based on the direction provided to us in Bible, we allow God to become the central focus of our lives.
- ❖ Seeking God involves prayer, the study of Scripture, and active participation in the community of faith. In other words, active participation in the church.
- ❖ The pursuit of God is not a passive endeavor. It requires intentionality and commitment. Our active pursuit of God is a response to His goodness that we’ve experienced in our lives.
- ❖ In Psalms 27:8, the psalmist expresses a deep, personal desire to know God and to be in His presence. This verse also reflects the intimate relationship God desires with His people
- ❖ Seeking God requires a daily choice to align our lives with His will and purpose. It also requires trusting in His provision and guidance, so that when we “seek...first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33), God, in response, will take care of our needs.
- ❖ King Jehoshaphat, in response to the adversity they were facing, called all of Judah together in unity to pray. “The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him” (2 Chron. 20:4).
- ❖ As individuals, we are called into relationship and communion with Jesus. Our maturity as Christians is fostered through prayer, which is a critical aspect of the believer’s life.
- ❖ Prayer is crucial in an individual’s life and corporate prayer, which is the practice of praying together as a community of believers, is a powerful tool when deployed.
- ❖ When corporate prayer takes place in the life of the church, it brings about unity and aligns the hearts of the saints and invites the presence of the Holy Spirit to operate within the church in a unique and powerful way.
- ❖ The early church practiced corporate prayer and experienced the power of God for healing, miracles, and salvation.
- ❖ Jesus taught His disciples that His power was present when believers unified together in prayer: “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will

KEY SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 20:1-22
(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them” (Matt. 18:19-20).
- ❖ It is through each individual participating in corporate prayer that we strengthen the church and invite the presence of God to operate among us in a supernatural and transformative way.
 - ❖ King Jehoshaphat and the nation of Judah chose to worship God in response to His presence among them (2 Chron. 20:21). They trusted that God would take care of them.
 - ❖ To worship God is to honour and reverence Him through praise, prayer, adoration, thanksgiving, submission, humility, and obedience.
 - ❖ When we worship God during times of adversity, we express faith in Him and demonstrate our trust in His sovereignty and goodness despite adverse circumstances.
 - ❖ Job trusted God and continued to worship Him when he faced adversity (see Job 1:20-21). The prophet Habakkuk chose to rejoice in the Lord despite the impending invasion of Judah and the coming devastation (Habakkuk 3:17-19).
 - ❖ King Jehoshaphat and the nation of Judah expressed faith in God by worshipping Him before they received the help that God promised them.
 - ❖ When we worship God during times of adversity, it is an acknowledgment of God’s faithfulness and His capacity to take care of us.
 - ❖ So, when encountering adversity, let’s look beyond the troubles surrounding us and respond by seeking God, praying, and worshipping Him in difficult times.
 - ❖ It is when we worship God during times of testing and trials that we shift the focus from the temporal situation of turmoil to the eternal reality of “peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1).

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. King Jehoshaphat, when facing adversity, called the people together in prayer and worship. Consider at least three other figures from the Bible who faced adverse situations and discuss (1) their circumstance; (2) their response to the situation (was it similar to King Jehoshaphat’s?); and (3) God’s response.
2. When facing difficult situations, what is your “natural” response? What is your “faith” response?
3. Are you or someone you know facing adversity? Take the time now to seek God, pray, and worship Him!

PRAYER TIME

Lord, in whatever situation I’m in, I will give You thanks for You are well able. Thank You, Lord!

Start-up: Think of something or a situation you tried to deal with by yourself before asking for help. How did the results differ?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🤔 (Think about)
! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
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Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

PRAYER FOCUS: F.S. students and teachers in our schools, colleges and universities.

24-hour Prayer: Monday @ 12:00 a.m. to Sunday @ 12:00 a.m.;
Daily Devotions: Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;
Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday (please check schedule)
Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m. (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.), Saturday morning from midnight to 3:00 a.m., and Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY LEADERS' MEETING

Sunday, September 28th @ 1:15 in the Upper Chapel

FREEDOM SESSION

Freedom Session is back!

For more information, please contact
Sis. Melva Meredith-Lewis.

ALL NATIONS SUNDAY

We're preparing a special promo video for All Nations Sunday, and we want as many people as possible to be part of it. This is a celebration of the beautiful cultures, languages, and diversity God has blessed our church with. If you do not speak English as your first language, we especially encourage you to participate—your voice and culture are a vital part of this celebration! For more information, please contact **Sis. Andrea Peel.**



FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.
(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.
(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.
(In person and via Zoom)

Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.
(In person and via Zoom)

Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled
(see ushers for information)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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“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.... Stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you.... Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.... The LORD will be with you.’”
2 Chronicles 20:15, 17 (NIV)

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