AM Nothing is Everything (Part 1)

Phil Robertson · 2 Chronicles 20:1–30

INTRODUCTION

- It's one of those stories that we probably haven't studied, and some of you may have never even heard of before.
- The story's about a young king. And he took the throne at a time in which the nation really was divided.

1 Jehoshaphat Set His Face to Seek the Lord

2 Chronicles 20:1–4

- Then Jehoshaphat was afraid. And he set his face to seek the Lord, and he proclaimed the fast throughout all Judah.
- But all of a sudden, there's this massive alliance, and this massive army is now coming against Judah.
- Can you imagine being in a nation where your king went? All right, here's what we're gonna do. We're gonna pray and fast.

2 Our Eyes Are on the Lord: I Got Nothing

2 Chronicles 20:5–12

- Those first four verses, three times in the text, you have this phrase, seek the Lord.
- For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do. But our eyes are on the Lord.
- And notice what he says in verse 12. I got nothing.
- What kind of a king looks into the fear? Looks into these faces, and says, I got nothing. May I suggest to you an honest one?

3 The Battle Is Not Yours, but God's

2 Chronicles 20:14–17; Deuteronomy 6:4

- Do not be afraid. And do not be dismayed at this great horde. For the battle is not yours, but God's.
- Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf.
- This is actually one of those great Shema prayers. Shema means listen or hear in the Hebrew.
- There's no whys here. There's no how here. How do you go? Just go. How do we fight? Not your fight. Just go. Isn't it amazing how God works with us like that sometimes?

4 Jehoshaphat Puts the Musicians Out First

2 Chronicles 20:18–22

- Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established. Believe his prophets, and you will succeed.
- He appointed those who were to sing to the Lord and to praise him in holy attire. And they went before the army and they said, Give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love endures forever.
- Because you know what Jehoshaphat does? He puts the musicians out first.
- When they began to sing and praise the Lord, the Lord set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah so that they were routed.

5 A Valley of Blessing

2 Chronicles 20:24–30

- The point is we don't know. It was the hand of God. But they started fighting one another.
- They looked toward the horde, and behold, there were dead bodies lying on the ground. None had escaped.
- On the fourth day they assembled in the valley of Beracah. For there they blessed the Lord.
- This is that valley. A valley of blessing.

6 Admit They Had Nothing Without Him

2 Chronicles 20:12

- The only reason that Jehoshaphat and all the people have so much now is because they had the honesty and the humility to come before their God and admit they had nothing without him.
- They set aside all their pride and they had the humility to admit. There were no excuses.
- The humble man not only can say that, the humble man can now receive the greatest gift that's ever been offered to man. And that is the hand of God.
- How in the world can I come to the Lord now at the end of my life in a time which I can offer him nothing?
- It's only when we realize we got nothing that everything is possible. And you don't save yourself, the Lord saves you.

THE CHALLENGE

Bring him nothing. So he can bless you with everything.

MY NOTES