Nothing is Everything (Part 2)

Phil Robertson · 2 Chronicles 20:1–30

INTRODUCTION

- What Jehoshaphat admitted is something that all of us truly need to admit in every moment of our lives. That without the Lord, we really have nothing.
- How can I really come to my Lord truly empty-handed so that he can fill me like never before with everything from his goodness?

1 The Admission of Fear

2 Chronicles 20:3–6; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 29:25

- Then Jehoshaphat was afraid. And he set his face to seek the Lord.
- I'm scared of all these enemies. But I fear you more, God. I fear you a lot more.
- Fear, more often than not, is our friend. It teaches us limits. It keeps us from the edge. It teaches us boundaries.
- The fear of man brings a snare. But whoever trust in the Lord shall be safe.
- He didn't run to the hills. He fell on his knees. And he put his fear where it should be. In the Lord.

2 He Brings All the People Together

2 Chronicles 20:4–5; Ephesians 6:12; John 17

- What he shows when he brings all the people together is he shows his own humility. Instead of dividing the nation, he has united the nation.
- He doesn't blame anyone. He doesn't make excuses. Instead, he unifies the kingdom by having the humility to say to everybody, I got nothing.
- We don't wrestle against flesh and blood.
- You need to recognize and understand there is one enemy. That enemy is Satan.
- He got everybody on their knees seeking the Lord instead of looking out at the enemy. Because we're in this together.

3 He Highly Values God's Messengers

2 Chronicles 20:17

- Listen to those that you know have your spiritual well-being at heart.
- Listen to your elders. Listen to your ministers. Listen to those who are spiritually strong and sound.
- You will not need to fight this battle. Stand firm. Hold your position. And see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.

- Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow, go out against them, and the Lord will be with you.

4 He Accepts the Mission and Makes Peace with the Plan

Psalm 107; 2 Chronicles 20:20

- He simply heard what God said, and he didn't argue it.
- Sometimes to really have faith in God is to do it just because God said so.
- Believe in the Lord your God, and he will establish you. Believe his prophets, and you will succeed.
- But they went simply because God said, I got this. Trust me.

5 Gather the Spoils of Grace

2 Chronicles 20:30

- After admitting his own inadequacy, Jehoshaphat put his trust in the Lord, and he received the deliverance of the Lord.
- But God does more than just conquer the enemy. He gives the faithful the spoils of grace.
- So what should have been a valley of death now became a valley of blessing.
- Take the time to see the victories of God and celebrate them. Gather them in. Show your gratitude to the Lord.

THE CHALLENGE

Are we humble? Are we truly willing to profess this truth? I got nothing. So I'm going to put all my trust in the Lord. And whatever he says to do, I'll do it. Because I trust him.

MY NOTES