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WHEN WE NEED A MIRACLE
2 Chronicles 20:1-12

INTRODUCTION:

A. What in life is ganging up on you?

"After this, the armies of the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites declared war on Jehoshaphat." (2 Chronicles 20:1)

B. When things in life "declare war" on us we often respond in **fear**.

C.

I. STEP#1: GET IN TUNE WITH GOD.

A. ***"Jehoshaphat was alarmed by this news and sought the Lord for guidance" (2 Chronicles 20:3).***

B. Ways to get in tune with God's Will:

- * Read the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- * Pray (James 5:13)
- * Council of others (Proverbs 15:20)
- * Fasting

"He also gave orders that everyone throughout Judah should observe a fast." (2 Chronicles 29:3)

II. STEP#2: PRAY ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

A. Prayer should be our **first** choice not our last.

"Jehoshaphat stood before the people of Judah and Jerusalem... He prayed, 'O Lord...'" (2 Chronicles 20:5-6)

B. Jehoshaphat prayer reminds us:

- * Who God **is**.

"O Lord...you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth." (2 Chronicles 20:6)

* **What** God has done.

"O our God, did you not drive out those who lived in this land when your people arrived? And did you not give this land forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham?" (2 Chronicles 20:7)

"Whenever we are faced with any calamity...disease or famine, we can come to you...cry out to you to save us, and you will hear us rescue us." (2 Chronicles 20:9)

III. STEP#3: FOCUS ON GOD'S HELP...NOT THE PROBLEM.

A. **"O our God, won't you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help." (2 Chronicles 20:12)**

B. We are free to **admit** our need for help.

* God is capable even though we feel incapable.

* **"All the men of Judah stood before the Lord with their little ones, wives and children. (2 Chronicles 20:13)**

C. We need to remember that **God** is in control.

"This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's." (2 Chronicles 20:15)

VI. STEP#4: THANK GOD IN ADVANCE.

A. **"...the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising Him for His splendor. This is what they said: "Give thanks to the Lord; His faithful love endures forever." (2 Chronicles 20:21)**

B. Thanking God in advance is an expression of **faith**.

CONCLUSION: