



**Leading with Your
Back Against the Wall:
Faith Steps to Victory**

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

2 Chronicles 20:1-3 (ESV)

¹ After this, the Moabites and Ammonites and with them some of the Meunites came against Jehoshaphat for battle. ² Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A great multitude is coming against you...” ³ Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

He accepted his problem



Seek the Lord despite
your impossible situation

2 Chronicles 20:5, 12b (NIV)

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord...and said:¹² “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.”



He admitted his
powerlessness

Invite God to display his
strength in your weakness

2 Chronicles 20:13-14 (NIV)

13 All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD. 14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel...

2 Chronicles 20:15-16 (NIV)

15 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. **16** Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up...and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel.

2 Chronicles 20:17 (NIV)

17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you...Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.”



He awaited God's promise



Believe God's Word will
carry you through

2 Chronicles 20:18, 20 (NIV)

18 Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. ²⁰

...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.”

2 Chronicles 20:21 (NIV)

21 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.”



He anticipated with praise



Praise him before the **victory**

2 Chronicles 20:22-23 (NIV)

²² 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. ²³ 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 destroy one another.

2 Chronicles 20:24-25 (NIV)

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ ...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...it took three days to collect it.



God answered his prayer

2 Chronicles 20:27-28 (NIV)

²⁷ Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸ They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the Lord with harps and lyres and trumpets.

2 Chronicles 20:29-30 (NIV)

29 The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. ³⁰
And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.



Give witness to his faithfulness