

Message Series:

Prayer 101-Operator, Connect Me to God

Message for March 21, 2010:

Jehoshaphat's Prayer

"³Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah."

2 Chronicles 20:3

Today's Main Thought: Prayer is vital to followers of Jesus Christ when faced with life's uncertain dilemmas.

Jehoshaphat's Prayer Advice

When you are in distress or have made a bad decision, you can call on the Lord (2 Chronicles 18:3, 31; vv. 3-4).

Prayer time: Call out to God let Him know you are in trouble, made a wrong turn, or that you don't know what to do.

Remind God of His sovereign power and His graciousness in past days and your plight (vv. 5-12).

Prayer time: Focus on God. Let God know what He means to you. Acknowledge how God provided the perfect sacrifice in Jesus Christ and has provided protection, favor, and help.

After sincerely calling out to God, wait on God to respond (vv. 13-19).

Prayer time: Practice being still! Close your eyes and be encouraged by reflecting on the battles God has fought and won in your life.

Getting Started

Which of song titles listed below best describes you:

- Somewhere Over the Rainbow
- Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head
- I Can't Get No Satisfaction
- I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry
- Fools Rush In

Digging Deeper

- 1) Why did Jehoshaphat proclaim a fast for all of Judah? What he learned from his close call in chapters 18 and 19?
- 2) Where is Judah's ultimate focus? What picture do you get from the terse description of verse 13?
- 3) Instead of disaster and loss, what did this battle hold for Judah? What feelings did Jehoshaphat and the people express? How did they celebrate?

Living It Out

In the midst of a problem, where is your focus? Are you focused on the problem, on the Lord, or on yourself? What are some good ways to fix your eyes on the Lord?

Next Week: Palm Sunday John 12:12-19

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