

Seek the Lord by Listening to Him (His Spirit and His Word)

READ 2 Chronicles 20:13-17

¹³As all the men of Judah stood before the Lord with their little ones, wives, and children, ¹⁴the Spirit of the Lord came upon one of the men standing there. His name was Jahaziel son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite who was a descendant of Asaph. ¹⁵He said, "Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! 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. ¹⁶Tomorrow, march out against them. You will find them coming up through the ascent of Ziz at the end of the valley that opens into the wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the Lord's victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for the Lord is with you!"

REFLECT - How did God answer the prayer of the Jehoshaphat? (vs. 14)

What did He tell the king? (vv. 15-17)

As the people of Judah waited for an answer, the Spirit of God came upon Jahaziel as God spoke through Him to let them know what was going to happen. He told them not to be afraid or discouraged because the **battle was the Lord's**. Does that sound similar to Joshua 1:9? God would be with them and fight for them. God speaks to us through His Spirit but sometimes we are too busy to hear it. We need to make sure to be still before the Lord so we can hear Him.

God also speaks to us through His Word. **Read Romans 10:17**. This verse tells us that faith comes from hearing the word of Christ. We need to make sure we are filling our minds with the truth of God's word so we know how to live for Him.

RESPOND - How has seeking God's word helped you during a crisis in your life?

As a family pick a verse or two that has helped you in the past and as a family memorize it. (Maybe it's one of your child's current verses). **Keep it close to your heart so you have it with you when needed.**

Have each person in your family pray to God and thank Him for something and pray for someone or something that is on his or her mind.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____