

Seeking the Lord through Prayer

READ 2 Chronicles 20:5-12

⁵ Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard ⁶ and said: "Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. ⁷ Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, ⁹ 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.' ¹⁰ "But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. ¹¹ See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. ¹² Our God, will you not judge them? 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."

REFLECT

How did Jehoshaphat seek the Lord during this crisis?

What did he say in his prayer showing he was depending on God alone?

Jehoshaphat prayed to the Lord during this crisis. **Reread verse 12.** In his prayer he realized he had no power to fight against the army that was coming against him but he knew that God had all the power. We need to remember that when we face a crisis in our life we may be powerless to stop it. However, we do know the Lord, who is the maker of heaven and earth, and we should seek Him in prayer about our problems and worries, just like Jehoshaphat did. Two verses that talk about this are **Philippians 4:6-7. Read those verses together.**

RESPOND

What do these verses tell us to do when we are worried during a crisis?

When was there a time in your life where you were worried and you went to the Lord in prayer?

How will you make it a habit to regularly seek God in prayer this week?

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

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____