

Winning Impossible Battles

II Chronicles 20

I. First of all, turn your eyes to the Lord. “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you” (II Chronicles 20:1-13).

- A. Allow your heart to be humbled before the Lord (II Chronicles 20:3-4, 12-13; Psalm 51:16-18; Isaiah 57:15; Jonah repented; Nineveh repented; and God relented. Jonah 2:7-10; 3:1-10; 4:1-4,11).
 - 1. Sometimes it takes time for our hearts to be conditioned.
 - 2. It is important to change whatever needs to be changed (Isaiah 58:3-4; Matthew 3:5-10).
- B. Pray to your friend, Jesus (II Chronicles 20:5-9; John 15:15-16; Romans 8:31-32; Matthew 18:18-20).

II. Make your battle the Lord’s battle (II Chronicles 20:12-23).

- A. You always have power to conquer fear and discouragement and be strengthened by the Lord (II Chronicles 20:12-15; Isaiah 40:27-31—strength to the weary).
- B. Listen and look for your part in the battle. What have you left undone (II Chronicles 20:15-17)?
- C. Praise and thank God for his goodness (II Chronicles 20:18-23).
 - 1. Praise and thanksgiving stir the Lord to battle for you (II Chronicles 20:18-23).
 - 2. God gives a new song to sing, strength to the weary, and opens prison doors (Psalm 40:1-3; Isaiah 40:27-31; Acts 16:22-40).
 - 3. A new song is symbolic of embracing a new attitude toward God to change the season of your life (Philippians 4:4-7; I Thessalonians 5:16-18—God’s will in difficult circumstances).

III. Enjoying the plunder (II Chronicles 20:22-30).

- A. One outcome from winning difficult battles can be overwhelming blessings. (II Chronicles 20:22-25; Isaiah 35:3-4; Job 42:12-17—double for Job’s trouble).
- B. Impossible battles are for God’s glory. Sometimes we get deceived by the intensity of the battle.
 - 1. A new place of praise (Berakah), worship, and celebration (II Chronicles 20:26-28)
 - 2. A testimony to the world of God’s greatness (II Chronicles 20:29-30)
 - 3. “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

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