

Sermon Reflections

Trusting God in the Midst of Turmoil (2 Chronicles 20: 1-30)

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Summary: As a believer in Jesus Christ, when we trust Him in the midst of turmoil, our dependence upon Him brings joy.

1. Trusting God in Humility and Prayer (vv. 1-12)

- Jehoshaphat had lived right and done right before God. However, he was still facing an attack that brought fear. In the trial, Jehoshaphat set his face to seek God. He proclaimed a fast. He acted based on his beliefs about God's character, God's faithfulness, and God's word. Are you surprised by the trials in your life? Why?
- What do your thoughts, words, and actions in the face of a trial reveal about what you trust? How could faith in God's sovereignty, wisdom, and goodness provide peace during your trials?

2. Trusting God in Knowing His Word (vv. 13-19)

- The Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel, who spoke to the people. It was God's word that brought hope. Jehoshaphat trusted God's word. Do you see the trials in your life as random obstacles to your joy or opportunities to trust God?
- Read Romans 8:28-29. What does this verse teach about God and the events in your life? What is the purpose of these events?
- Is your desire to be delivered from sin greater than your desire to be delivered from the circumstance? Think back on a recent difficult trial. How has God used that trial to grow you in Christ likeness? Can you thank God for that?

3. Trusting God by Action in Light of His Word (vv. 20-23)

- Jehoshaphat acted on his belief in God and put the singers and worshippers in front of the army. Jehoshaphat's offense and defense were the same - trusting and worshiping God. What would it look like for you to place worship before fear in your trials?

4. Trusting God results in Peace and Joy that only come from God (vv. 24-30)

- The enemies of Judah intended to invade, conquer, and inhabit the land. This is what the enemy intends to do to you. We see Jehoshaphat worshipped God before he saw deliverance. You may not see physical deliverance from your current trial in this life.
- Do you find greater joy from your position in Christ than your situation in life?
- The means to prepare for future trials is to grow in trusting God. The time to prepare is before the trial.
- Think of one way that you can worship God in the midst of your trial. Ask God to help you apply that in your next trial.