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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – 1 & 2 Chronicles

Main Idea

Unexpected battles are a part of life. Whether it's a diagnosis, a setback, or an overwhelming situation, we've all faced moments when we didn't know what to do. In 2 Chronicles 20, King Jehoshaphat is blindsided by a vast army, but instead of panicking, he turns to God. His story is a powerful reminder that when we're under pressure, our first response matters. God calls us to seek Him, follow His leading, and trust that the battle belongs to Him. As we talk through this message, let's open our hearts to how God wants to meet us in our own battles, not with fear, but with faith! He is not just able to fight for us, He's already working on our behalf!

**Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army,
for the battle does not belong to you, but to God.**

2 CHRONICLES 20:15

Make It Practical

When the enemy attacks, seek God first.

- Jehoshaphat was alarmed, but he responded by setting his face to seek the Lord through prayer and fasting. His dependence on God invited the entire nation to do the same.
- 2 Chronicles 20:3-4

Follow God's plan, not your own.

- Instead of reacting in fear, Jehoshaphat prayed, remembered God's faithfulness, and listened for His direction. Obedience opened the door for God's intervention.
- 2 Chronicles 20:5-12

Trust that the battle belongs to the Lord.

- God assured His people that they wouldn't need to fight—only to take their position, stand firm, and worship. Their valley of battle became a valley of blessing.
- 2 Chronicles 20:15-17, 20-26

Talk About It

When the enemy attacked, Jehoshaphat's first response was to seek the Lord.

- What does it look like for you to “set your face to seek the Lord” when life feels overwhelming? How can we grow in making prayer our first response rather than our last resort?

Jehoshaphat prayed, “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.”

- Can you share a time when you felt powerless in a situation but chose to keep your eyes on God? What helped you trust Him in that moment?

The people praised God before the victory came—and their battle turned into a blessing.

- How does praising God in the middle of uncertainty shift our perspective? What role has worship played in your own times of waiting or struggle?

**You need God more than you
need what He can do for you.**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that the battle belongs to You. In every situation that feels too big for us, help us to seek You first, trust Your plan, and stand firm in faith. Teach us to worship even in the waiting, and to keep our eyes on You when we don't know what to do. Go with us this week, and lead us with Your peace and power. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Next Steps

Make seeking God your first response.

- This week, set aside intentional time each day to pray and read Scripture—especially when facing stress or uncertainty. Let seeking God become your starting point, not your last resort.

Practice praise in the middle of the battle.

- Choose one situation you're currently struggling with and begin thanking God for His faithfulness, even before you see the outcome. Worship Him for who He is, not just what He can do.

Write down past victories as reminders.

- Reflect on and journal times when God came through for you in the past. Revisit these moments to strengthen your faith when you feel unsure about the present.