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2 Chronicles 20:1

It happened after this,that the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to battle against Jehoshaphat.

2 Chronicles 20:2-4

Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar” (that is, En Gedi).

2 Chronicles 20:2-4

Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to seek the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah.

2 Chronicles 20:2-4

The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

# Offensive Weapon # 1 Prayer

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

2 Chronicles 20:6-7

and said:

“Lord, the God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one can withstand you.

2 Chronicles 20:6-7

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?

2 Chronicles 20:9

‘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.’

**God is hurt more by our weak prayers**

**than He is by our wrong prayers.**

Matthew 18:18-20

“All authority in heaven and earth is given to me, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:18-20

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Matthew 18:18-20

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

## Offensive Weapon # 2 Fasting

“However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

 Matt. 17:21

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Job 23:12

 I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.

2 Chronicles 20:12

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.”

2 Chronicles 20:15

 ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.

2 Chronicles 20:17

You will not have to fight this battle. Position yourselves; stand still and see the salvation the Lord who is with you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.’ ”

2 Chronicles 20:20-21

Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.”

2 Chronicles 20:20-21

After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

“Give thanks to the Lord,

2 Chronicles 20:20-21

for his love endures forever.”

## Offensive Weapon # 3 Worship…

### Worship prepares us for battle

### Don’t give your worries your worship.

Ephesians 5:19

speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

2 Chronicles 20:22

As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

2 Chronicles 20:27

Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies.

2 Chronicles 20:29-30

The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel.

2 Chronicles 20:29-30

And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.