

The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, July 30, 2017

“He Is...The Hebrew Names of God: Jehovah-Nissi”

2 Chronicles 20:1-12; 18-23

**Jehovah-Nissi** (Exodus 17: 15-16) =

When we pray to Jehovah-Nissi, we’re praying to the One who is powerful enough to \_\_\_\_\_ any adversary—the One who is bigger than anything this world can \_\_\_\_\_ at us.

“After this, the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle.” (2 Chronicles 20:1)

### 5 PRINCIPLES TO EXPERIENCE JEHOVAH-NISSI

**Principle #1: Turn to \_\_\_\_\_ first.**

Our perspective on life can be so \_\_\_\_\_, however, God’s is \_\_\_\_\_—He knows when we don’t; He can see the past, present, and future at the same time.

If we want God to help us overcome when the odds are against us, \_\_\_\_\_ should be our \_\_\_\_\_ choice, not our \_\_\_\_\_ resort.

Jehoshaphat was \_\_\_\_\_. However, it’s not so much fear itself that matters, but what we do with that fear—the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ we give it—and the \_\_\_\_\_ it has on us. When we find ourselves in a place of fear and uncertainly, we have two choices—we can let it \_\_\_\_\_ us or we can let it motivate us to \_\_\_\_\_.

“Jehoshaphat was terrified by this news and begged the Lord for guidance. He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting. So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the Lord’s help. (2 Chronicles 20:3-4)

Jehoshaphat’s fear motivated him to act—to call the nation to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. There’s no sense fretting when we find ourselves in the midst of a trial or challenge—\_\_\_\_\_ rarely solves anything—in fact, it often makes matters worse. Instead of worrying, we need to \_\_\_\_\_—we need to take it to God.

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he’s done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

### 3 THINGS TO PRAY WHEN THE ODDS ARE AGAINST US

• \_\_\_\_\_  
“O Lord, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you! (2 Chronicles 20:6)

Before we talk to God \_\_\_\_\_ the problem, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ on God—we need to \_\_\_\_\_ who He is—His \_\_\_\_\_ and character.

“...greater is he that is in you than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

“For nothing is impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37)

• \_\_\_\_\_  
“Didn’t you drive out those who lived in this land when your people arrived?” (2 Chronicles 20:7)

Jehoshaphat \_\_\_\_\_ on God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to His people, not because God needs the reminder, but to give God \_\_\_\_\_ and to remind himself of God’s faithfulness.

• \_\_\_\_\_  
“O God, won’t you stop them.” (2 Chronicles 20:12)

We should never let a seemingly impossible situation \_\_\_\_\_ us—we should let it \_\_\_\_\_ us—motivate us to \_\_\_\_\_ more, to trust God more; to \_\_\_\_\_ more from God, and to depend on His strength more.

**What’s the first thing that you do when you find yourself faced with a problem or challenge? Is prayer a first line of defence or a last resort?**

**Principle #2: Admit our \_\_\_\_\_.**

Sometimes we can find ourselves in a seemingly impossible situation, and yet our \_\_\_\_\_ can keep us from asking anyone for help.

“O God, won’t you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help.” (2 Chronicles 20:12)

The only person God can’t help is the person who doesn’t think they \_\_\_\_\_ help—the person who is stubbornly \_\_\_\_\_ and self-reliant; to prideful or \_\_\_\_\_ to ask.

God has given us \_\_\_\_\_ and as a result, He won't jump into a situation where He's not \_\_\_\_\_. However, when we're open to God's help and admit our inadequacy, God can and will \_\_\_\_\_.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6)

**Are you able to admit your inadequacies and ask God for help—or do you prefer to go it alone and do it all yourself?**

**Principle #3: \_\_\_\_\_ God to help.**

The biggest mistake we can make when we feel overwhelmed is to focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ and not on \_\_\_\_\_. Focussing on God gets us on top of our \_\_\_\_\_ and positions us for \_\_\_\_\_.

"We don't have any power;" but power and might are in your hands." (2 Chronicles 20:6)

There are some problems in life that we can't \_\_\_\_\_ on our own—no matter how hard we try.

"My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." (2 Cor 12:9)

God is more than able—and when we are \_\_\_\_\_, He is \_\_\_\_\_.

"Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:2)

"Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the Lord says: 'Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'" (2 Chronicles 20:15)

There are so many people out there trying to fight \_\_\_\_\_ battles.

**When the odds seem to be against you—do you have faith or fear? Do you rely on yourself and your own strength or do you really on God?**

**Principle #4: Stand \_\_\_\_\_.**

Sometimes when we find ourselves in the midst of a conflict, our knee-jerk reaction is to \_\_\_\_\_. However, it's never God's will for us to \_\_\_\_\_ a battle.

"Take your positions; stand firm and watch the Lord's victory." (2 Chronicles 20:17)

### STANDING FIRM

"Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in His word, and you will succeed." (2 Chronicles 20:10)

• **Stand firm on God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

"I will sing of the Lord's unfailing love forever! ...Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens...For who in all of heaven can compare with the Lord?...Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O Lord? You are entirely faithful...Powerful is your arm! Strong is your hand..." (Psalm 89)

• **Stand firm on God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

"Blessed are they who do not follow the advice of the wicked, take the path of sinners, or join the company of mockers; but delight in the teachings of the Lord and reflect on His teachings day and night. They are like trees planted beside streams; that produce fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper." (Psalm 1:1-3)

"With all these things in mind, dear brothers and sisters, stand firm and keep a strong grip on the teaching we passed on to you." (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

**What do you do when you find yourself in the midst of a trial or challenge? Do you run away or do you stand firm?**

**Principle #5: \_\_\_\_\_ God in advance.**

"When he had taken counsel with the people, Jehoshaphat appointed those who were to sing to the Lord and praise him in holy splendour, as they went before the army, saying, 'Give thanks to the Lord, for His steadfast love endures forever.'" (2 Chronicles 20:21)

Anyone can thank God when it's all over, but it takes \_\_\_\_\_ to stand out front and thank God in \_\_\_\_\_. This verse also shows us that there's power in \_\_\_\_\_—especially when all seems \_\_\_\_\_.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

It's God's will that we should praise Him and give Him thanks in all times and in all places—no matter what's happening—and let Him do the rest.

**Are you able to trust God enough to give Him thanks in advance?**

"Do not be afraid, because I am with you. Do not be intimidated; I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will support you with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

God wants us to go from \_\_\_\_\_ to strength and from victory to \_\_\_\_\_.

"overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loves us." (Romans 8:37)