

# **JEHOSHAPHAT**

## **-he knew what to do after all**

*2 Chronicles 20*

*he began well ch 17*

*his big mistake ch 18*

*his bold recovery ch 19*

*“We don’t know what to do!” 20.12*

*“but our eyes are on you”*

*Ps 5.1-3; 105.4-5; 123.1-2*

*“When I’m weak, then I’m strong”*

*2 Cor 12.10; 1 Cor 10.13*

### **1. A MODEL RESPONSE, vs 1-4**

➤ *the king was resolute v2*

➤ *the people responded v4,13; 7.14*

### **2. A MOVING PRAYER, vs 5-13**

➤ *God’s present supremacy v6*

*supreme, sovereign, strong*

- **God's past track record vs7-9**  
**our fathers' God is our God today**  
**Heb 13.6-8**
- **J's current crisis vs10-12a**  
**he appealed to God's justice**  
**Luke 18.1-7**
- **J's confident cry for help v12b**  
**"our eyes are on you!"**

### **3. AN INSPIRING MESSAGE, vs 14-17**

- **God answers us through his Word**  
**Ps 119.105; Rom 12.2**  
**"don't be afraid, discouraged" v15**  
**Josh 1.9; 1 John 4.18**  
**Rom 8.31-39; Heb 13.5-6**  
**"the battle isn't yours, but God's"**  
**Dt 20.1-4; he will win!**  
**"stand firm and watch" v17**  
**Ex 14.13-14**

#### **4. A MOMENT TO WORSHIP, vs 18-21**

- *a time to worship God vs 18-19*
- *a time to trust God v20*
- *a time to praise God v21*

#### **5. A REMARKABLE VICTORY, vs22-30**

- *the enemy self-destructs vs22-24*
- *God's people collect the spoils v25*
- *then praise God again! vs 26-28*

#### **Postscript**

- *a man of great strengths  
he walked with the Lord v32*
- *a man with a recurring weakness  
he couldn't say 'No' vs35-37*

*he was a good king,  
but could have been a great king*