

Persevering Prayer: Standing Firm in Faith

Most believers face trials and long-term difficulties they bring to God in expectant prayer. What happens when there seems to be no response? Doubt and despair can undermine our walk and work. We may feel like the psalmist who cried, “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?” (Ps. 13v1). Have you begun to doubt His goodness, His purpose, His power, and His sovereignty? In this workshop we will look at King Jehoshaphat and learn what standing firm in faith looks like in trial. As Jesus taught...”And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones?” (Luke 18v7).

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I. 2 Chronicles 20 v1-28

- A. v2 Vast army comes against
- B. v3 1st Step-Inquire of the Lord. Proclaims fast for all (enlist prayer support)
- C. Jehoshaphat stands v9,13,17,19,20

II. Believe

- A. We’re commanded to Stand Firm in Faith
Ex.14v13, Isa.7v9 Romans14v4b 1 Cor.10v13 1 Cor16v13
- B. Stand Firm in FAITH... 3 C’s Content Consensus Commitment
- C. Faith and Faithfulness both from Greek word Pistis
- D. Both used interchangeably-if you have faith you will be faithful
- E. We have faith because our God is faithful Ex.34v6

- F. When we see others' faith shaken, we must encourage their belief
- G. Faith requires an act of the will-commitment
- H. In spite of feelings or evidence to the contrary, we must "Trust also in Him, He shall bring it to pass" Ps 37v5

III. Pray

- A. Approach in Praise
- B. 2nd Chronicles 20v6 The names and attributes of God
- C. v12 Pray in Submission (This is key verse of the faithful Kings)
- D. v14 Spirit of God commands...Put off fear, put on faith
- E. Persevere in prayer

IV. Worship

- A. We finish praying in worship
- B. Feelings follow faith...worship leads us there v20b
- C. Faith leads to Singing

V. There is a pattern to persevering prayer...FAST...PRAISE...PRAY...SING! All ... while we continue the work of Christ!