

**Aveleigh's Vacation Bible School Celebration**  
**YOUR YEAR OF WORSHIP July 30,2017**  
**Sermon: WORSHIP INSTEAD OF WORRY**  
**Text 2 Chron. 20: 2-9 & 15 p. 480**

*"Go to the Lord for help and worship Him continually."* Psalm 105:4 (TEV)

**WORSHIP IS...**

ASKING, BELIEVING, CONFESSING, DEPENDING,  
EXPRESSING, FINDING

*"The Moabites, the Ammonites, and the Meunites, joined forces to make war on King Jehoshaphat. He received this intelligence report: 'A huge force is on its way from beyond the Dead Sea to fight you. There's no time to waste...'"* 2 Chron. 20:1-2 (Mes)

**1. A – YOU ASK GOD FOR HELP.**

*"Jehoshaphat was afraid, so he decided to ask the Lord what to do."* 2 Chron. 20:3 (NCV)

**2. B – BELIEVE GOD CAN HANDLE YOUR SITUATION.**

**REMIND MYSELF WHO GOD IS**

*"Are You not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in Your hand, and no one can withstand You!"*  
vs. 6 (NIV)

• **REMIND MYSELF WHAT GOD'S DONE**

*"Didn't You drive out those who lived in this land when Your people arrived?"*  
vs. 7 (NLT)

**3. C – CONFESS MY INADEQUACY.**

*"We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We don't know what to do..."* 2 Chron. 20:12 (NLT)

## 4. D – DEPEND ON GOD TO SAVE ME.

*“This is what the Lord says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s!’” “You won’t need to fight in this battle. Just stand strong in your places, and you will see the Lord save you.” 2 Chron. 20: 15 &17 (NCV)*

*“Then the king chose men to be singers to the Lord, to praise him because He is holy and wonderful. As they marched in front of the army, they said, ‘Thank the Lord, because His love continues forever. At the moment they began to sing and to praise, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to begin fighting among themselves, and they destroyed each other!’” 2 Chron. 20:22 (LB)*

## 5 E – EXPRESS THANKS TO GOD AND IN ADVANCE.

*“When the army of Judah arrived at the lookout point in the wilderness, there were dead bodies lying on the ground for as far as they could see... King Jehoshaphat and his men went out to gather the plunder. They found vast amounts of equipment, clothing, and other valuables—more than they could carry. There was so much plunder it took them three days just to collect it all! On the fourth day everyone gathered in the Valley of Blessing, which got its name that day because the people praised and thanked the Lord there.” 2 Chron. 20:24-26 (NLT)*

## 6. F – FIND THE BLESSING IN THE BAD.

<sup>25</sup> So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing<sup>[d]</sup> and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. <sup>26</sup> On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the LORD. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah<sup>[e]</sup> to this day.

### Conclusion, YOU CAN WORRY OR YOU CAN WORSHIP

*“Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice ...” 2 Chron. 20:27*

**PRAYER:** Loving GOD, help me, hold me, keep me on the way of the worshipper. Amen.

**FOUR FOR THE ROAD:** 1. When have you enjoyed worship? Why?

2. When have you not enjoyed worship? Why?

3. How do you explain worship to unchurched acquaintances?

4. How could you become a better worshipper?

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**Call To Worship**

LEADER, Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

PEOPLE, Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

LEADER, Know that the LORD is God.

PEOPLE, It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

LEADER, Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

PEOPLE, give thanks to him and praise his name.

LEADER, For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

PEOPLE, GOD's faithfulness continues through all generations.

LEADER, Let us worship God.

**Prayers of Confession**

I have broken more commandments than I have kept. I have fallen short of what I know you would have me do on an hourly basis. I treat with disrespect those whom I claim to hold most dear and hold up with awe men and women who have done great things not in your eye but in the eyes of the world. Help me, O Lord, to reorient my own life and values so they are in line with yours. Help me make strides every day to become one who can stand in your house with honor. Amen.