

DECLARE GOD'S VICTORY



PRECEPT

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

¹ After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites[a] came to wage war against Jehoshaphat. ² Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom,[b] from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar” ³ Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. ⁴ The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him. ⁵ Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard ⁶ and said: “Lord, the God of our ancestors, 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. ⁷ Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever...”

PROMISE

Mental illness is real. The Battle within is real. It can be experienced by people of all ages, cultures, educational backgrounds, and income levels, as well as social statuses. As I've said, you can be aware, you can know God is there, and you can have battle plans, but there will come a time when life's battles are just too heavy to handle. Sometimes we reach that point in life, when we say, 'Lord, I don't know what to do anymore'...

PRAY. When you don't know what to do—pray. Prayer is not your last option, but it should be your first response. Don't start with your problem—start with God. Don't tell God about your problem, rather tell your problem who your God is! Sometimes, the best way to move forward is to look back at your past victories. If God was faithful then, He is still faithful now.

Remember answered prayers, the times when you didn't know what to do, but God made a way. The same God who carried you before is the same God who will carry you again.

PAUSE. When you don't know what to do, stand before the Lord. When we wait on God, He responds. God speaks to those who learn to wait. Silence does not mean absence—God is preparing to speak, He is just waiting for you to listen. Stop trying to solve everything on your own. Surrender your battle to God. Faith still requires action—even when God fights for you. Trusting God doesn't mean doing nothing—it means obeying Him. You don't fight the battle, but you still follow God's direction. Do your part and let God do the rest.

PRAISE. When praise goes before you, God goes to work for you. Trust what God can do and what He has promised you. Praise is not a reaction—it is a weapon. The moment you praise, God begins to move.

PERCEIVE. God is already ahead of you. What you're worried about—God may have already resolved. Sometimes your role is not to fight, but to sit, relax, and witness God fight for you. Don't wait for the breakthrough to praise God. Praise Him even when nothing has changed yet, and you will see then that God can fight battles in ways you never expected. God can turn your valley of darkness into a Valley of Blessing. Your dark valley can become your testimony. God can turn your darkest season into your greatest story.

PROCLAIM. Don't run away from God—run to Him. Give back all the glory to God. Bring your praises back to God.

PEACE. If you will trust Him. When you surrender that battle to Him, you won't just see victory, you will experience peace. God doesn't just want to remove your battle; He wants to restore your soul. God doesn't just want to give you victory; He wants to give you peace. So whatever battle you are carrying today, whether that be financial, emotional, mental, or relational, you don't have to carry it anymore because the battle is not yours. The battle belongs to the Lord, and you will see a victory!

PRACTICE

1. **Victory.** How does “declaring” victory change your mindset? And how does speaking God's promises out loud impact your faith?
2. **Silent battles.** What are the personal battles in your life right now? Identify specific areas (e.g., anxiety, habits). And how can we pray/encourage you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Healing

- We lift up those in need of God's healing touch. May they have comfort and restoration.

II. Lost

- Pray that we will be the source of God's light to those who are lost and in need of Him.

III. Trust

- When we face uncertainty, may we be reminded of His love and faithfulness.

IV. Purpose

- Pray that God work in us to will and to act in order to fulfill our purpose.

V. Wisdom

- May we be wise, making the most of every opportunity and knowing His will.

VI. Strength

- Pray that He may grant us strength to overcome any obstacles.

VII. Service

- Pray that we may serve God and His people faithfully and proclaim His truth.