

DESPERATE FOR GOD TO MOVE

Today, we will consider what it means to be "Desperate for God in the Midst of Uncertainty." There's something about uncertainty that drives us to desperation. We don't know how the future will turn out. We don't know how our kids will turn out, how our careers will turn out, how our money will shake out, and a million other things that we don't know – and all of these things have the potential to drive us to desperation. To be desperate means to be in "a state of despair, typically one which results in rash or extreme behavior." Have you ever been there? In today's study, we'll explore some key lessons from 2 Chronicles 20, focusing on the story of King Jehoshaphat and his response to overwhelming uncertainty. We'll discover how desperation and fear drove the king to seek God wholeheartedly.

Key Passage: 2 Chronicles 20

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you typically respond to bad news? How does your response compare to King Jehoshaphat's when hearing the news of the impending attack? What does his response teach us about handling fear and uncertainty?
2. What role does fasting play in the story? What role can fasting play in our lives during times of uncertainty? How has God used this spiritual discipline in your life during seasons of uncertainty?
3. In 2 Chronicles 20:12, what is the key phrase at the heart of this chapter? What does it mean for us today?
4. How should the message "The battle is not yours, but God's" encourage us during difficult times?
5. Why is worship emphasized as a response to uncertainty? How did it impact the outcome of the battle in 2 Chronicles 20? How often is worship something you turn to when facing uncertainty?
6. What does it mean that faith and doubt are contagious? How should this reality influence our actions in uncertain times?
7. How does "lifting your eyes to God" relate to practical steps believers can take when facing uncertainty?
8. What about this lesson challenged you the most? What was your biggest takeaway?