

## “The Power of a Worshiping People”

### 2 Chronicles 2:13-30

**Central Thought:** When Christians choose to see their battles in terms of God, enemies can be defeated before we fight.

**“Worship is the intentional connection of all life to the presence, perfection, purposes and power of God.”**

#### 1) Observation—what does it say?

- 18:1—King Jehoshaphat, had an u \_\_\_\_\_ alliance with King Ahab.
- v.1,22—Jehoshaphat is facing an a \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.12—Jehoshaphat p \_\_\_\_\_ aloud in front of his people admitting that battles can only be faced in the strength of the Lord.
- v.15—Because they relinquished their defense, “the b \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord’s”.
- v.22—Jehoshaphat sent a c \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the people.
- v.22—God caused the armies to d \_\_\_\_\_ each other.
- v.27—A p \_\_\_\_\_ was held.
- v.29—This n \_\_\_\_\_ got out to surrounding nations.

#### 2) Interpretation—what does it mean?

- Jehoshaphat trusted in his own s \_\_\_\_\_, disconnecting from God and connecting to evil.
- There are multiple forms of worship in this story:
  - v.6-12—R \_\_\_\_\_ to hear from God.
  - v.18—H \_\_\_\_\_ to reconnect to God.
  - v.5,21—Transparency in c \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v.21—P \_\_\_\_\_ praise was the battle plan.
- v.12,15—Battle was connected to God, not man.
- v.21—Praise was connected to God, not the battle.
- Blessing is not just a reward for our obedience but a p \_\_\_\_\_ before the character of God.
- Worship as God-connection of our battles demands a c \_\_\_\_\_ connection.

#### 3) Application—what does it mean for me?

- B \_\_\_\_\_ of unholy alliances.
- P \_\_\_\_\_ first; *then* strategize within God’s plan.
- P \_\_\_\_\_ first; respond more to God’s ability than the fear of the battle.
- God-connection requires repentance, humility and transparency. Isaiah 30:15; James 5:16
- The battle is a \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord’s.

**Word bank:** always, attack, battle, beware, choir, community, constant, destroy, humility, news, parade, positioning, praise, pray, prayed, public, repentance, strength, unholy,

#### 4) Some questions for home groups and personal meditation

- What are my battles? List them and hand them over verbally to God right now. Pray Jehoshaphat’s prayer from v.12.
- What things do I believe that I can handle in my own strength? What is something that I have not talked to God about in a very long time?

- When I hand over battles to God—are they fully His, or do I fret about them?
- Do I ever “sing in the streets” in response to my struggles?
- Am I living with others in mind (humility) primarily?
- What am I repenting of in my life at this time?
- Who knows what is really going on in my life right now?
- When I ask forgiveness for sin, am I more focused on my sorrow for my sin or my joy in God’s forgiveness?
- Is Philippians 4:19 *really* true? In what ways do I live as though it is NOT true?
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:16,17; 6:19,20. How is the idea of God-connection clarified by the reality that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit?