

aSeries: How God Meets Your Deepest Needs – part 9
“WHEN THE ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU”

Jehovah Nissi = "I am the God who defends you." 2 Chron. 20:1-30

STEP 1: TURN TO GOD FIRST

"After this, the armies of the Moabites, Ammonites, and the Meunites declared war on Jehoshaphat... He was afraid, so he decided to ask the Lord what to do." 2 Chron. 20:1,3 (NLT/NCV)

STEP 2: TALK TO GOD ABOUT YOUR SITUATION

"Then King Jehoshaphat went and stood before them and prayed aloud..."
2 Chron. 20:5b (GN)

This prayer is built around 3 questions:

* Are You Not? * Did You Not? * Will You Not?

- REMIND MYSELF OF 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 OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN THE PAST

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

- ASK GOD FOR HELP NOW

"O God, won't You stop them?" v. 12 a (NLT)

STEP 3: TELL GOD EXACTLY HOW I FEEL

"We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help." 2 Chron. 20:12b (NLT)

STEP 4: TRUST GOD TO HELP ME

"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." 2 Chron. 20:12c (NIV)

GOD'S RESPONSE:

"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!'" 2 Chron. 20:15 (NIV)

"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. 20:17 (NCV)

STEP 5: THANK GOD IN ADVANCE

"The king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising Him... This is what they sang: 'Give thanks to the Lord for His faithful love endures forever!'" 2 Chron. 20:21 (NLT)

"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)

"When the surrounding kingdoms heard that the Lord Himself had fought against the enemies of Israel, the fear of God came over them. So Jehoshaphat's kingdom was at peace, for God had given him rest on every side." 2 Chron. 20:29-

