How to Defeat an Undefeatable Foe

**Read:** II Chronicles 20:1-30

**Text:** II Chron. 20:17a “Ye shall not need to fight in this battle…”

**Introduction:** Three different armies from three different directions have come together to fight against Judah. There is no way that Judah can win this one unless God intervenes. Here’s how it’s done.

**I.Submit to the Lord:** First we see Jehoshaphat acknowledge that he is fearful then we see all of Judah asking help of the Lord. Why do you think it is that you and I are willing to cry out to God for pneumonia, and cancer but so many times we fail to do so when the enemy is a head cold or an ingrown toenail.

**II. Submit to truth:** Jehoshaphat says: “…we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do…”

It is not a lack of faith to recognize that we are weaker and have less abilities than our opposition. It is a lack of faith to trust in our own abilities when God has offered us all the assistance of the heavenly host.

**III. Submit to whoever God speaks through:** Jahaziel is mentioned

6 times in the entire Bible. He is a warrior, a musician, and was one

who carried the Ark. This is the only time that he is known to have

prophesied in the entire scriptures. This warrior/musician was a voice

of encouragement just this one time. He says less than 50 words yet he

deserves to be listened to just as much as if he were Isaiah or Jeremiah.

**IV. Submit your right to fight:** Sometimes our abilities can only get us deeper into the bog of futility. God is not in need of our skills but He is in need of our obedience. If He says that our fighting skills are not needed then listen to Him. “…stand ye *still,* and see the salvation of the LORD...”

**V. Submit your knowledge and experience:** What these people didn’t know was how to defeat these enemies. What they did know was how to believe in the Lord. They had seen too many miracles to deny God’s ability. Jehoshaphat encourages them to believe in the Lord and His prophets.

We live in a world that tells us to believe in ourselves but God tells us to believe in Him. Your abilities are limited and although they can be utilized for God’s work; many times we are in situations where our abilities are not sufficient for the task at hand.

**VI. Switch your fears for praise:** There is a blessing in praising. You cannot doubt your way out of trouble but you can shout your way out.

These singers did not sing songs of deliverance; they sang praise for the beauty of holiness & mercy of God. They did not adore His power or ability but rather they praised Him for being the God that He was.

As they praised Him for His holiness and mercy He began to move on their behalf. He set ambushments against them and they thought that their allies had turned against them.

**VII. See how God wins the unwinnable fight:** God caused these three enemies to turn on each other. First Ammon & Moab attacked Seir; then they turned on each other and destroyed each other until there were no survivors. It is as if they forgot who their enemy was. Judah just watched and ended up winning because there was no enemy left to fight with. They won without ever having to unsheathe a sword or needing to notch an arrow. The only weapon used was their spears as they leaned on them.

**VIII. See the wealth of the enemy transferred to you:** Why would

these enemies bring their wealth to a battle? Because they knew that

while they were away from home another enemy might raid their un-

protected home and they could lose it all. There is no safer place than

the middle of an army camp. So God uses their fears to enrich His

children. It took three days to haul off all of the spoils of a war that

they had only watched.

**IX. Stand and rejoice in what God has done:** after three days of

back breaking labor; carrying all that booty you are exhausted. The

next morning you gather to express your joy in a praise celebration to

the one who won this battle for you and then allows you to collect the

booty.

**X. See your fear transferred to your enemies:** The fear that you had

when this all started has now become the fear that your enemies are

experiencing. They are now afraid of you.

**Conclude:** In America today we can see Christianity in a crises. The

forces of evil seem to be winning. The Church seems to be powerless.

The enemy is too strong for us. What should we do? Recap!