

**Jehovah - Nissi: "I am the God who defends you." I am the God who protects you. Literally, "I am your banner. I defend you when the odds are against you."**

Exodus 17:15 (NLT) "Moses built an altar there and named it Yahweh-nissi (which means "the LORD is my banner")."

**First: Turn all your ATTENTION to God.**

2 Chronicles 20:1, 3 (NASB) "Now it came about after this that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon, together with some of the Meunites, came to make war against Jehoshaphat.... Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah."

The "4D's" of uncontrolled fear:

- \* De-motivate you
- \* De-stabilize you
- \* De-press you
- \* Di-scourage you

**How can the problems in my life motivate me?**

- \* F AITH
- \* A PPEAL
- \* I NVEST
- \* T RIAGE
- \* H OPE FOR

**Second: Take priority time to TALK to God.**

2 Chronicles 20:5 (NLT) "Jehoshaphat stood before the community of Judah and Jerusalem in front of the new courtyard at the Temple of the LORD and prayed."

**1. REMINDE yourself of who God is.**

2 Chronicles 20: 6 (NASB) "O LORD, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You."

**2. Remind yourself of what God has ACCOMPLISHED in the past.**

2 Chronicles 20:7 (NASB) "Did You not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and did you not give it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?"

**3. Ask God to DO IT again.**

2 Chronicles 20:12a (NLT) "O our God, won't you stop them? 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."

**Third: Be HONEST with God about your need.**

2 Chronicles 20:12b (NLT) "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."

**Fourth: TRUST God to help you.**

2 Chronicles 20:12c (NASB) "But our eyes are on You."

**"Circumstances are like a mattress on your bed. You get on top of them and you'll rest easy. You get underneath them and you're going to suffocate."**

Corrie Ten Boom: **"If you look at the world, you will be distressed. If you look within, you will be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you will be at rest."**

1 Chronicles 20:15b (NASB) "Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's."

**Name your flap!** \_\_\_\_\_

2 Chronicles 20:17 (NKJV) "You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you....Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you."

2 Chronicles 20:20b (NLT) "Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed."

Romans 8:31-32(NASB) "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?"

**Fifth: THANK God in advance.**

2 Chronicles 20:21(NLT) "The king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: "Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love endures forever!"

2 Chronicles 20:22 (NLT) "At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves. (And they destroyed each other.)"

James 1:2-4 (Msg) "Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way."

2 Chronicles 20:25-26 (NASB) "When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found much among them, including goods, garments and valuable things which they took for themselves, more than they could carry. And they were three days taking the spoil because there was so much. Then on the fourth day they assembled in the valley of Beracah, for there they blessed the LORD. Therefore they have named that place "The Valley of Beracah" until today."

### **Application:**

Identify the problem(s) you are currently facing.

Where will you turn first?

Have you taken time to talk to God about it?

Are you being honest with God about your feelings?

Are you trusting God to take care of it?

Have you come to the point where you can

thank God for the problem even though you still have it?

What has God revealed to you and how will you adjust your life to trust Him?

Memory Verse: 2 Chronicles 20:20b (NLT) "Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed."