



# yTunes

Number five of a six part series on why God wants you to sing.

## THIS IS HOW WE OVERCOME

? WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY FACING THAT YOU NEED TO OVERCOME?

### ACTIVATING KING JEHOSHAPHAT'S SEVEN STEP OVERCOMERS PLAN.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ MY SITUATION.

...later the Moabites and Ammonites, accompanied by Meunites, joined forces to make war on Jehoshaphat. <sup>2</sup> Jehoshaphat received this intelligence report: "A huge force is on its way from beyond the Dead Sea to fight you. There's no time to waste--they're already at Hazazon Tamar, the oasis of En Gedi." <sup>2</sup> **Chronicles 20:1-2** (MP)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ HOW IT MAKES ME FEEL.

Jehoshaphat was terrified by this news... **2 Chronicles 20:3a** (NLT)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ GUIDANCE FROM GOD.

Jehoshaphat... begged the LORD for guidance. **2 Chronicles 20:3** (NLT)

- There is a difference in asking for \_\_\_\_\_ and asking for \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord, since I have enemies, show me the right thing to do. Show me clearly how you want me to live. **Psalm 5:2** (ICB)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ MY BURDEN.

Jehoshaphat announced that all the people of Judah should go without food for a time, in penitence and intercession before God. <sup>4</sup>People from across the nation came to Jerusalem to plead unitedly with him. <sup>5</sup>Jehoshaphat stood among them as they gathered at the new court of the Temple and prayed... **2 Chronicles 20:3-5** (NLT)

They spent (devoted) their time to learning the apostles teaching, sharing, [fellowship], breaking bread and praying together. <sup>47</sup>...Every day the Lord added those who were being saved to the group of believers. **Acts 2:42, 47a** (EXB)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.

Jehoshaphat prayed, "O LORD, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you! <sup>7</sup>O our God, did you not drive out those who lived in this land when your people Israel arrived? And did you not give this land forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham? <sup>8</sup>Your people settled here and built this Temple to honor your name. <sup>9</sup>They said, 'Whenever we are faced with any calamity such as war,<sup>[5]</sup> plague, or famine, we can come to stand in your presence

before this Temple where your name is honored. We can cry out to you to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us.’ 2 Chronicles 20:6-9 (NLT)

- Because “ \_\_\_\_\_,” “ \_\_\_\_\_”

Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD.

2 Chronicles 20:12 (NIV)

## 6. \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD’S INSTRUCTION.

Jehoshaphat said, “Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid! Don’t be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God’s. <sup>16</sup> Tomorrow, march out against them. You will find them coming up through the ascent of Ziz at the end of the valley.... <sup>17</sup> But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the LORD’s victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for the LORD is with you!” 2 Chronicles 20:15-17 (NLT)

## 7. \_\_\_\_\_ PRAISES TO GOD

Jehoshaphat bowed his head, and all the assembly fell prostrate...and worshiped Him.... <sup>19</sup> ...the Levite families... stood up to praise the Eternal One, True God of Israel, with very loud voices.! 2 Chronicles 20:18-19 (VOICE)

They were up early in the morning, ready to march into the wilderness of Tekoa. As they were leaving, Jehoshaphat stood up and said, “Listen Judah and Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! Believe firmly in GOD, your God, and your lives will be firm! Believe in your prophets and you’ll come out on top!” <sup>21</sup> After talking..., Jehoshaphat appointed a choir for GOD; dressed in holy robes, they were to march ahead of the troops, singing, “Give thanks to GOD, His love never quits.” <sup>22-23</sup> As soon as they started shouting and praising, GOD set ambushes against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir as they were attacking Judah, and they all ended up dead. 2 Chronicles 20:20-23 (MP)

You have taught children and babies to sing praises to you [<sup>L</sup>Out of the mouth of babies and infants you have established/founded strength] because of your enemies. And so you silence your enemies and those who try to get even [revenge]. Psalm 8:2 (EXB)

Picture this: It’s midnight. In the darkness of their cell, Paul and Silas—after surviving the severe beating—aren’t moaning and groaning; they’re praying and singing hymns to God. The prisoners in adjoining cells are wide awake, listening to them pray and sing. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly the ground begins to shake, and the prison foundations begin to crack. You can hear the sound of jangling chains and the squeak of cell doors opening. Every prisoner realizes that his chains have come unfastened. <sup>27</sup> The jailer wakes up and runs into the jail. His heart sinks as he sees the doors have all swung open. He is sure his prisoners have escaped, and he knows this will mean death for him, so he pulls out his sword to commit suicide. <sup>28</sup> At that moment, Paul sees what is happening and shouts out at the top of his lungs, **Paul:** Wait, man! Don’t harm yourself! We’re all here! None of us has escaped.

<sup>29</sup> The jailer sends his assistants to get some torches and rushes into the cell of Paul and Silas. He falls on his knees before them, trembling. <sup>30</sup> Then he brings them outside.

**Jailer:** Gentlemen, please tell me, what must I do to be saved?

**Paul and Silas:** <sup>31</sup> Believe—believe in the ultimate King, Jesus, and not only will you be rescued, but your whole household will as well.

<sup>32-34</sup> The jailer brings them to his home, and they have a long conversation with the man and his family. Paul and Silas explain the message of Jesus to them all. The man washes their wounds and feeds them, then they baptize<sup>[a]</sup> the man and his family. The night ends with Paul and Silas in the jailer's home, sharing a meal together, the whole family rejoicing that they have come to faith in God **Acts 16:25-34** (VOICE)