



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

SERMON NOTES

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HELP! I NEED A MIRACLE!

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JOHN 4:43-54 (NLT)

⁴³At the end of the two days, Jesus went on to Galilee. ⁴⁴He himself had said that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown. ⁴⁵Yet the Galileans welcomed him, for they had been in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration and had seen everything he did there. ⁴⁶As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick. ⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die. ⁴⁸Jesus asked, "Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?" ⁴⁹The official pleaded, "Lord, please come now before my little boy dies." ⁵⁰Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home. ⁵¹While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. ⁵²He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, "Yesterday afternoon at one o'clock his fever suddenly disappeared!" ⁵³Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. ⁵⁴This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea.

2 CHRONICLES 20:1-5, 12, 15, 17, 21-22 (NIV 84)

¹After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to make war on Jehoshaphat. ²Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Sea. It is already in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). ³Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. ⁴The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him...¹²O 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 upon you..." ¹⁵He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! 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...' ¹⁷You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.' ..." ²¹After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever." ²²As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

5 GOOD DECISIONS...

THE FIRST GOOD DECISION THEY MADE WAS...

They ran to God as fast as they could!

Verse 3-4

"Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. ⁴The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him."

THE SECOND GOOD DECISION THEY MADE WAS...

They humbled themselves before God and admitted that they needed His help!

Verse 12

"O 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..."

THE THIRD GOOD DECISION THEY MADE WAS...

They gazed at God and glanced at their problems!

Verse 12

"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 upon you."

THE FOURTH GOOD DECISION THEY MADE WAS...

They relaxed and believed that God would show up!

Verse 17

You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.' "

THE FIFTH GOOD DECISION THEY MADE WAS...

They praised the Lord in advance for what He was going to do!

Verse 21

"After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."

ADDITIONAL NOTES
