

GOD IS ABLE

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Title: The One Thing We Need but We Don't Want

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"Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the Lord our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. 8 And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valour. 9 And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. 10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11 And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let no man prevail against thee. 12 So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 13 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the Lord, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil." (2 Chronicles 14:7-13)

INTRODUCTION: _____

1. The _____ (vs. 1-10)

A. Asa's _____



- B. Asa's _____
- C. Asa's _____
- D. Asa's _____

HELPLESSNESS IS

1. Realizing you are vulnerable and weak.
2. Realizing you have zero options.
3. Realizing you lack the strength and resources to deal with your trouble.
4. Realizing you are not as capable, strong, wise, or able to do anything about a situation you really do not want to be in.
5. Helplessness is the one thing we do not want!

"At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge." (2 Timothy 4:16)

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6)

2. The _____ (vs. 11)

A. Asa Prayed with _____

We Cry When We Are Hurting and Are Desperate

He Prayed with Tears, Anxiety, Loudly, and Fervently

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

"Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;" (Hebrews 5:7)

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;" (Romans 12:12)

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

B. Asa _____ God's Greatness

C. Asa _____ for God's Help

D. Asa Went Forward in _____

QUOTE: "God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart."

–Spurgeon

3. The _____

A. The _____

B. The _____

C. The _____

QUOTE: "I've learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages." **–Spurgeon**

4. The _____

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us." (1 Samuel 7:12)

"Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:" (Acts 26:22)

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." (Isaiah 41:10)

CONCLUSION: _____
