Breathe #2 Jehoshaphat 2 Chronicles 20

Read Psalm 150 We Breathe to Praise Him

Tell the Story….

King Jehoshaphat felt a burning in his belly. When he heard the report he was afraid and more than a little disappointed… Why would God let this happen?

* Jehoshaphat was a good king… compared to most… He had led an era of military, legal, political and religious reform…Fortified cities, appointed righteous judges, established proper worship and instruction….
* An overwhelming enemy from the south and eat had formed!
* Set His face to seek the LORD! All the people joined him fasting and praying in Jerusalem (enemy 30 miles away)

Jehoshaphat Prayed **2 Chronicles 20:6-12**

**Vs. 12** – Jehoshaphat means, “***Yahweh Judges***”

What a confession; a public display of Humility…Usually the Leader is working hard to pretend he knows what he is doing!

**We Are Fighting Spiritual Battles that We Cannot Win.**

**Exp** – We are not fighting each other (preferences); not lost people;

 Satan and his powers and principalities (prince of world)

 Systems, Structures, spiritual enemies too great for us.

**Ill** – Martin Luther #8 (vs. 1b – 2a)

**App** – If we are fighting battles we can win, we are fighting silly battles… skirmishes that don’t really amount to anything in the Kingdom of God. We want to put ourselves in a battle that gives us two options: **Fear or Faith**

 **Vs. 12** – Our Eyes are on You!

**t/s** – When King Jeoshaphat finishes his prayer, the people stand in silence… *Really Jehosphaphat, That’s all you’ve got*! Then the Spirit of the LORD comes upon a priest, Jahaziel, a son of Asaph, a musician

**2 Chronicles 20: 15-17**

**The LORD Fights For Us.**

Exp – the People of God moved against the enemy in Faith.

 Believing that the LORD would intervene on their Behalf.

ILL – Go and Make Disciples of All Nations… Crazy Talk!

 All nations confessing, “Jesus Is Lord!”

 I am With You == Presence and Power…. Fight for You!

App – I would quit before bed time if I did not believe this.

1. ears ago… Zechariah 4 – Not by might.. by my Spirit!

**T/S** – When the priest, Jahaziel, finished his prophecy, Jehosphaphat bowed down. The people fell down and worshipped. But the Musicians stood up and praised the LORD!

**2 Chronicles 20: 20-21**

* The Sons of Asaph are singing the song of Asaph (1 Chron. 16) when David appointed them to sing Praise before the Ark!
* Lovingkindness = ***hesed*** – covenant faithfulness, loyal love.

**2 Chronicles 20: 22-23**

* they came to the look out point over the valley of battle…nothing but dead bodies… Great Victory
* The Valley of Blessing… The LORD made them rejoice over their enemies!
* Jehoshaphat and Judah had peace… all their enemies were afraid… the LORD had fought for them!

J. Oswald Sanders, “*Spiritual Battles can only be won by spiritual people using spiritual weapons*.”

**ILL** – Revelation vision of Devil cast down; Judged.

 *They overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb;*

 *Because of the Word of their Testimony*

 *Because they loved not their own lives*

Spiritual People Fighting Spiritual Battles Using Spiritual Weapons!

* NOT Professional Staff with Polished Programs
* NOT Balanced Budgets
* Fancy Facilities and cutting edge Technology

**Prayer**

**Faith**

**Praise**

Paul and Silas were in Prison --- beaten and in stocks --- Powerless.

Then; the chains are unfastened, the prison doors opened, the authorities crying out to them for help.

 Did they get a good lawyer and stand up for rights?

 Did they organize the prisoners and protest?

About Midnight, they were Praying and Singing Praises to God!

**2 Chronicles 20:12** Again