



The Power Of Gratitude

2 Chronicles 20 (NLT)

² Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army from Edom is marching against you from beyond the Dead Sea. They are already at En-gedi. ³ Jehoshaphat was terrified by this news and begged the LORD for guidance. He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting. ⁴ So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the LORD's help. ⁶ He prayed... ¹⁰ "We see what the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir are doing. ¹² 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 our eyes are upon you." ²⁰ Early in the morning Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld. ²¹ 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." ²² As 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. ²⁴ When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked towards the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no-one had escaped.

Terrified (vs.3) is the Hebrew word "yare" יָרָא

יָ "yud" – hands reaching up in _____

רָ "resh" – man; _____ one's head

אָ "aleph" – ox head; _____

"The man fears what he holds in _____ (*yud*)

seeing it as _____ himself (*resh*)

and, therefore, as the _____ (*aleph*)."

Why was Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah so afraid?

1. The attack was _____.
2. They were outnumbered _____.
3. They had never been _____ before.

How did Jehoshaphat respond?

1. He _____ a desperate prayer.
2. He was reminded of God's _____.
3. He chose to pray and _____ God.

What is the takeaway for each of us?

1. We don't have to _____ the why's, the when's, or the how's.
2. God wants us to thank and praise Him as we go _____ the battle, not just _____ the battle.