

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

- Who is the one person in your life right now that you trust?
- What is one area of your life where you are finding it hard to trust God during this current crisis?
- Let's begin our time by thanking God that he is worthy of our trust. Spend a few minutes in prayer reflecting on God. Read through these verses and thank him for his trustworthiness.

Jeremiah 17:7–8

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

Psalms 28:7–9

The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.
The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

INTO THE BIBLE

Read 2 Chronicles 20:1–25

- What are the things that you observe about God in these verses?
- Follow Jehoshaphat's actions. What do you observe about the way he navigates through this crisis?



- Describe the process Israel goes through in responding to the news about their enemy?

Rodney stated that “we can’t always control a crisis or situation in our lives.”

- How would you describe the crisis that the nation of Judah was facing?

Rodney also stated that “our response to a crisis could affect our relationship with God—drawing us closer OR further from him.”

- In what ways did this crisis affect Judah’s relationship with God? What were some of the factors that enabled them to *Turn to God* and then *Trust IN God*?
- What are some of the reasons why community might be important in the midst of a crisis?
- In what ways has this crisis impacted your relationship with God? What are some of the ways that you are moving closer to him or further away from your relationship with him?

Read Hebrews 11:6

- What might be some of the reasons why our faith is pleasing to God?

APPLICATION

Read 2 Chronicles 20:12 again.

- Where in your life are you feeling as though you do not know what to do?
- What are some ways you might be trying to trust in yourself or take control of the situation as opposed to choosing to trust in God?
- What might be causing you to have resistance in releasing your control?
- What are some ways you can begin to “place your eyes” on Christ and invite him into the midst of your situation?