



PREPARING YOURSELF FOR BATTLE

5 BATTLE STRATEGIES

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LEADER'S STUDY GUIDE

Opening Questions | Getting Started



Leader's Note: So that leadership knows best how to help and respond to any concerns, please let your group know that you or someone you designate is going to take notes as your groups shares on these opening questions. If you can have whomever takes notes to please email them to kevin@the-grove.net as soon as they are able it would be appreciated.

- What scares you most about this present SOGI situation?
- What concerns you most for Cedar Grove?
- If there was any question you could ask the Overseers what would it be?
- If there was any concern you would express surrounding this issue what would it be?

THE BATTLE STRATEGY

1 Now it came about after this that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon, together with some of the Meunites, came to make war against Jehoshaphat. 2 Then some came and reported to Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea... 3 Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 So Judah gathered together to seek help from the LORD; ...
2 Chronicles 20:1-4 NASB

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2 Chronicles 20:3

1. The first battle strategy - when you first feel fear, drop whatever it is you are doing and go directly to **the Lord!**
2. The second battle strategy - he called for a corporate **fast**.
 - No one can do this for you. You need to call your own fast. You need to decide to get serious and give your attention to seeking God's presence in your life.
3. The third battle strategy - he called for a corporate **prayer** meeting.

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD before the new court, 2 Chronicles 20:5

6 and he said, "O LORD, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You. 7 Did You not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?... 8 They have lived in it, and have built You a sanctuary there for Your name, saying, 9 'Should evil come upon us, the sword, or judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before You (for Your name is in this house) and cry to You in our distress, and You will hear and deliver us.' 10 Now behold, the sons of Ammon and ...

Moab and Mount Seir, whom You did not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt (they turned aside from them and did not destroy them), 11 see how they are rewarding us by coming to drive us out from Your possession which You have given us as an inheritance. 12 O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You.”

2 Chronicles 20:6-12 NASB

Note How He Prays:

- He prays **authentically**
- He speaks **truthfully** from his heart
- He questions God “Are you not?” “Did you not?”
- He **affirms God’s power** and position
- He **appeals** for deliverance
- He **humbles** himself as leader and
- He **admits** that in and of themselves they are powerless.

15 “Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the LORD to you, ‘Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God’s. 16 Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the valley in front of the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the LORD is with you.

2 Chronicles 20:15-17 NASB

4. The fourth battle strategy is this - you must always **remember** that the battle belongs to the Lord.

- It is not your battle to fight. If you start to think it is your battle, you will start to take it on.

5. The fifth and final battle strategy is - if you are going to win, you must continue to **worship**.

- Worship is the key to winning.

20 They rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, put your trust in the LORD your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed." 21 When he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the LORD and those who praised Him in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, "Give thanks to the LORD, for His lovingkindness is everlasting." 22 When they began singing and praising, the LORD set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; so they were routed.

2 Chronicles 20:20-22 NASB

Review the Five Battle Strategies:

1. We use fear to direct us to seek **THE LORD!**
2. We call a corporate **FAST.**
3. We call a corporate **PRAYER** meeting.
4. We always **REMEMBER** the battle belongs to the Lord.
5. We never stop **WORSHIP.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Note: Open your group with a prayer.

1. Which of the battle strategies are you strongest at doing?
Which are you weakest at doing?
2. Describe a time when people came against you for your faith.
3. Talk about how consistently you use your fear to drive you to Jesus.
4. Some people would think, if it's God's battle then I don't need to be involved, but that is not what we are saying. What are you understanding about the fact that the battle belongs to the Lord but He still wants you in it?

5. Do you agree with the last point that personal worship is a key to fighting any battle? Explain.

STOP AND PRAY

What tangible thing do you sense God would have you do to get involved in this battle against SOGI?