

## BE ENCOURAGED NOT DISMAYED – 3

### ***2 Chronicles 20:1-25 (KJ)***

A. Vs. 1-4 – Seek God

B. Vs. 5-12 - Notice how Jehoshaphat relates to God

1. On the basis of covenant (You are our God; we your people)
2. This made it personal with God
  - Ex – David and Goliath (who is this “uncircumcised Philistine” defying the armies of God?) (1 Samuel 17:16)

### **[RHYTHMS OF GRACE AND FAITH] – 4 Rhythms**

#1. (Vs. 12) “Our eyes are on you” – FOCUS OF FAITH

- Not the problem or ourselves
- Not ignoring the problem as well
- God is our source
- Faith acknowledges our need

#2. (Vs. 15-16) “The battle is the Lord’s, go down against them” –

ACTION OF FAITH

- Engage versus disengage

- Faith without works (action) is dead (James 2:26)
- James 4:7 – “Submit to God...resist the devil and he will flee”  
(Both are essential)

### #3. (Vs. 17) “Set yourself, Stand, and See” – BALANCE OF FAITH

- This is how we fight
- Set yourself – set you mind on God
  - - Our eyes are on you
  - - Our minds are on your promise or word
- Stand – Position of victory (Ephesians 6)
  - – Stand in God’s armor versus flesh
- See – God is working and moving...
  - – Look for God, good, and His hand

### #4. (Vs. 19-21) “Praise the Lord” – VOICE OF FAITH

- Sound of faith
- Confession faith
- Mark 11:24
- Philemon 6

(Vs. 22-25) Faith is our victory – I John 5:4

Faith brings the blessings and spoils of battles