

## Do Not Be Discouraged

2 Chronicles 20:1-30 ❖ Ephesians 6:10-18

“Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before!  
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle see His banners go!”  
(Sabine Baring-Gould, 1864)

### Plenty to Discourage Us

Many politicians ignore the great strides made in \_\_\_\_\_ reconciliation in America and instead foment racial \_\_\_\_\_.

Most mainstream media outlets \_\_\_\_\_ those at a Pride march in New York City last weekend who chanted: “We’re coming for your \_\_\_\_\_!”

Criminals arrested by MPD officers and Shelby County Sheriff’s deputies are routinely \_\_\_\_\_ within 24 hours. Even the Mayor of Memphis is publicly protesting this \_\_\_\_\_ policy.

### Perspective

“There is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). The \_\_\_\_\_ of God and His people have assembled in \_\_\_\_\_ numbers before and have been \_\_\_\_\_ before.

Jahaziel the prophet told the King and those in Judah: “\_\_\_\_\_ will not have to fight this battle. Take your positions; stand \_\_\_\_\_ and see the deliverance the \_\_\_\_\_ will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_; do not be \_\_\_\_\_. Go out to \_\_\_\_\_ them tomorrow, and the \_\_\_\_\_ will be with you” (2 Chronicles 20:17).

### A Battle Strategy

Jehoshaphat was one of the \_\_\_\_\_ Kings of Judah who “did what was \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the LORD” (2 Chronicles 20:32). Then and now, leaders - whether godly or \_\_\_\_\_ - set the tone for the nation.

### The King’s Example

“O LORD, God of our \_\_\_\_\_, are You not the God who is in heaven? We have \_\_\_\_\_ power to face this \_\_\_\_\_ army that is attacking us. We do not know \_\_\_\_\_ to do, but our eyes are upon \_\_\_\_\_” (vv. 5, 12).

“Then the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD came upon the prophet Jahaziel, and he said, ‘Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ because of this vast \_\_\_\_\_. For the battle is not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_” (v. 15).

“As they set out for battle, the King appointed men to \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD and to \_\_\_\_\_ Him for the splendor of His holiness as they went out at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the army” (vv. 19, 21).

### The Lord’s Response

“As they began to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ set ambushes against the men who were invading Judah, and they were \_\_\_\_\_. They destroyed one \_\_\_\_\_” (vv. 22-23).

### The People’s Response

“Then, \_\_\_\_\_ by the King, the men of Judah returned joyfully to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord in Jerusalem with harps, \_\_\_\_\_ and trumpets. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at \_\_\_\_\_” (vv. 27-30).

### Plenty to Encourage Us

More and more Americans of every \_\_\_\_\_ are focusing on the things that are common to the \_\_\_\_\_ race.

In Great Britain, Europe and many states in America, surgeries and treatments to “change” \_\_\_\_\_, as if that were possible, have been \_\_\_\_\_.

Congregations across the city have committed to \_\_\_\_\_ for Memphis once a month. HHPC’s day is the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Perspective

“Put on the \_\_\_\_\_ armor of God, so that \_\_\_\_\_ the day of evil comes, you may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ your ground, and after you have done everything, to \_\_\_\_\_” (Ephesians 6:13).

### A Battle Strategy

As \_\_\_\_\_ in America, on this Sunday before Independence Day, let’s follow the example of King Jehoshaphat and his people:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_, fast and \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Stand \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Observe the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_

