

# “When We Run Out of Options”

By Dale D. Robins

Judah was a small kingdom, and when Jehoshaphat was on the throne, a massive invasion force from among the Moabites and Ammonites, threatened (II Chron. 20:1). The record says, *“Jehoshaphat feared”* (II Chron. 20:3). In light of the threat Judah *“gathered themselves together to ask help of the Lord”* (vs. 4). Jehoshaphat led them in prayer and asked, *“O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? And rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? And in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?”* (vs. 6). The king knew they needed God’s help. He acknowledged that God had given them their land, allowed them to build a sanctuary, and told them, *“when evil cometh upon you, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine ...[they were to] cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help”* (vs. 7-9). The king then prayerfully acknowledged that they were in distress from this mighty invasion force and not strong enough to defeat them (vs. 10-11). Notice what he said, *“we have no might against this great company; ... **neither know we what to do**”* (vs. 12).

Jehoshaphat feared, but *“he set himself to seek the Lord”* (vs. 3). At the conclusion of his prayer he said, *“our eyes are upon thee”* (vs.12). The next day God destroyed the invaders. We can learn from this. Often, we are not capable of solving the problems we face, and we need to turn to God for help. Our faith must show as we wait upon the Lord. He saved Judah, and He will deliver us. His will WILL be done! Trust Him!