

Sunday, 01-21-2024

2023-2024 Winter Quarter
Unit II: Learning about Faith

Lesson 8: Faith and Encouragement
Bible Background: 2 Chronicles 20:5-20
Printed Text: 2 Chronicles 20:13-20 KJV/NIV
Devotional Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-15

Prayer: *Eternal God, our Father, help us look unto You every day of our lives for guidance and direction. Do not let us put our trust in anything or anyone but You. You alone are our strength and protection. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen*

Exposition and Application of the Scripture: – Faith and Encouragement – 2 Chronicles 20:13-20

A. A Devoted King Turns to God (v. 13) – p. 191

- Am I turning to God only when I want/need something or at the last moment? – **Sat: Remember God’s Power and Might – 2 Chronicles 20:5-12 (Bible Background)**
- In what ways can I keep the fire of faith burning? – **Wed: God’s Eyes Are on the Righteous – Psalm 34:11-22**
- Do I pray for our nation and its leadership?

B. Our Prayer-answering God (vv. 14-17) – pp. 191-192

- (v. 15) Do I walk by faith or by sight? – **2 Corinthians 5:7**
- How has God used me as one of His vessels to help others?
- Does my obedience to the Lord allow Him to use me for His purpose(s)?
- Am I taking on more than what God has equipped me for? – **1 Chronicles 22:12-13; 1 Corinthians 10:1-14**
- (v. 17) Am I fighting battles that don’t belong to me? – **Deuteronomy 31:7-8**

C. From Prayer to Praise (vv. 18-19) – pp. 192-193

- (v. 18) How do I show reverence to the Lord in my prayer(s)? – **Matthew 6:5-15**
- Are there times when to call on others for prayer?
- Am I only praising God as my prayers are answered? – **Mon: Praise the God Who Comforts – 2 Corinthians 1:3-11**
- (v. 19) How can my faith increase unity/harmony among God’s people? – **Thu: Encourage One Another – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-15 (Devotional Reading)**

D. An Exhortation to Trust in God (v. 20) – p. 193

- What time am I spending with the Lord?
- How do I inspire others to trust in the Lord for victories? – **Fri: Rejoice, Pray, and Give Thanks – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-28**
- Have I ignored a prophetic word because I was more concerned with the messenger and not the message?
- If God didn’t give me a spirit of fear, then what type of spirit did He give me? – **Tue: God Delivers Me from My Fears – Psalm 34:1-10; Romans 8:14-17; 2 Timothy 1:7-10**