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“Don’t be afraid or discouraged because of this large army. The battle is not your battle. It is God’s battle.”

2 CHRONICLES 20:15 ICB

“I Don’t Know What to Do”

Jehoshaphat was the king of Judah. Some men told him that a large army was coming to attack his country. The king was afraid so he asked God what to do. Then Jehoshaphat told the people to stop eating and to pray instead. The people met in front of God’s temple. Jehoshaphat stood before them and prayed.

“Lord, you are the God of our people and the God who is in heaven,” the king said. “You rule over all of the kingdoms and nations. No one can fight against you and win. We don’t have the power to face this huge army that’s attacking us. We don’t know what to do. But we’re looking to you to help us.”

One of God’s prophets was named Jahaziel. He said to King Jehoshaphat, “Do not lose hope because of the huge army coming against you. You will not have to fight. The battle belongs to the Lord.” So Jehoshaphat and all the people bowed down and worshipped God.



I will ask God for help when I don’t know what to do.

The next morning, Jehoshaphat’s army started out. But the king asked some men to march in front of the army and sing praises to the Lord. “Give thanks to the Lord,” the men shouted. “His faithful love continues forever!”

When the singers and soldiers of Judah reached the enemy army, they saw that the enemies had attacked each other! Not one was left alive. God’s people won the battle without even having to fight because they turned to God for help.

When you face a big problem, you can pray like Jehoshaphat did. Say, “Lord, I don’t know what to do, but I’m looking to you for help.” —C.B.

FUN FACT

Four days after this victory, Jehoshaphat and the people gathered in the Valley of Berachah to praise God. *Berachah* means “blessings.”

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Read 2 Chronicles 20:27–30.

What happened after God helped His people win this battle?

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Day by Day

If you march around outside on a hot day you'll get very thirsty! After a while, you'll want to go inside for a glass of cold water. That's exactly how the Israelites felt after crossing the Red Sea.

God had saved the Israelites from the Egyptians when He helped His people cross the sea on dry ground. When they got to the other side, the Israelites walked through a desert for three days. They couldn't find any water. Finally they came to place called Marah that had a spring. But the water in the spring was too bitter so the Israelites couldn't drink it. The people started complaining. They shouted at Moses, "What are we going to drink?"

Moses cried out to God for help, and God showed him a special piece of wood. When Moses threw the wood into the spring, the water suddenly changed. Now the people could drink the water!



God takes care of me day by day.

The Israelites were feeling better. They left Marah and kept walking. Before long they found an oasis called Elim, with twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. The people set up camp and stayed there.

God took care of the Israelites' needs day by day. He helped them by making bitter water good to drink. Then He gave them more water and some shade so they could rest. God can do the same thing for you. He will provide for you day by day and help you with what you need. —T.M.

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Read **Philippians 4:18–19**.

What did God do for Paul?

What does Paul say God will do for you?

So Moses cried out to the LORD for help, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. Moses threw it into the water, and this made the water good to drink.

EXODUS 15:25 NLT

FUN FACT

The word *marah* means "bitter" in Hebrew. The Hebrew word for "sweet" is *mathoa*.