

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

October 3rd

Daily Devotional #3

I want to thank those of you that have fasted (both food and “other”) and encourage you to share your day and your prayers with me. Tomorrow’s devotional will include an intriguing thought from Doc & Carrie Hays (food fasting today) that follows along some thoughts I have for this morning...

An incredible story of GOD’s presence and power is told through a crisis King Jehoshaphat is faced with is found in 2 Chronicles 20. Several armies have come together to attack Judah. Jehoshaphat knows his armies are no match. The King “resolved to inquire of the LORD” and declared a fast for all the people. In their fasting and praying to the LORD in great submission to HIM, GOD responded, promising to fight for Judah. Judah was only to “take up (their) positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give...”

It is here that the wonder of this story begins to unfold.

Jehoshaphat bows down with his face to the ground, and the all the people fell down in worship before the LORD (vs. 18). Some then stood and praised the LORD with “very loud voice.” Early the next morning they left to take their positions and Jehoshaphat encouraged them to have faith in the LORD. He then consulted with the people, heard their suggestions, and appointed singers to lead the army while praising the Lord for the splendor of HIS holiness!!! This is what they sang:

“Give thanks to the Lord,
For HIS love endures forever.”

“As they began to sing and praise, the Lord” began moving and destroying the armies that had gathered against Judah.

I LOVE THAT!!!

There is something holy, and mysteriously powerful about trusting the Lord and moving forward in thanks to Him for the splendor of HIS holiness. It seems to me it is an honest and sincere invitation from a humble people inviting their Great and Holy GOD to be present and alive. It seems to me, GOD is waiting for HIS people to honestly, humbly, and sincerely invite HIM to be present and alive among them/us.

And that is exactly what we, the WH Family are doing this entire season of Gratitude (October 1st-10th). So, whether you’re fasting during this time or not, please pray and sing and thank GOD for the splendor of HIS holiness.

Let's invite HIM in!
Danny