

July

JOHOSAPHAT

II Chronicles 20:15

Can we go back in time? Remember when you were in Elementary or Middle school and you and the school bully had a disagreement. He talked about your Daddy and you talked about his Mama. So, the both of you made an appointment. You set a time and a place after school to get your fight on and settle the matter. Three o'clock and I will see you on the playground after school. Your friends encouraged you to fight because they had your back. Fear ran down your legs. The closer it got to 3 o'clock the harder your heart would pound.

There were your friends egging you on. Don't worry we got this. Don't be scarred, we got this. I saw them fight last week and there is nothing to them. We got this.

Finally, the 3 o'clock bell rang and the doors opened. School was out. You slowly walked to the playground and found the bully and all of his cohorts waiting for you, but where oh where were your friends? Where was your back up? Where was your Ace-Boon-Coon? Where were those who said "We got this?"

A decision had to be made. Fight or Fight?

Where do I go when there's nobody else to turn to?

Who do I talk to when nobody wants to listen?

Who do I lean on when there's no foundation stable?

I go to the Rock,

I know He's able, I go to the Rock!

Jehoshaphat learned from his father Asa's mistakes and followed his positive actions often, but sometimes he would make negative decisions. He would turn to God to make godly decisions when the odds were stacked against him. When the challenges were obvious, a threat of war against a vast army, Jehoshaphat turned to God for guidance. What he didn't do is turn to God on a daily basis. We need God every day, every hour, every minute and every second of the day!

Just like Jehoshaphat, we want to be in charge of our lives and make decisions that seem right to man and leave God out, because like the friends who did not show at the playground we say, "I got this." God wants us to give Him, not only the major decisions, but the daily decisions. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.

Jehoshaphat had found himself in a place that looked impossible. You've been there. That place where the bank gave the wrong answer, school won't take your child's application, the

doctor has a negative report, the mortgage company will not reason with you and the spouse just does not understand; **an** impossible place!

I want speak to your IMPOSSIBLE place this morning. The place where it seems to be no good end. I have good news for you God didn't leave the playground. He is ever present!_ He is Jehovah Shammah, always there. You can always go to the Rock!