



Jehoshaphat: **Overcoming  
Overwhelming Obstacles**  
**2 Chronicles 20:2-30**

**The Truth About Overwhelming Obstacles ....**

**They may not come ALONE.**

*A vast army from Edom is marching against you from beyond the Dead Sea. v. 2*

**They can cause us to WORRY and become AFRAID.**

*Alarmed, Jehoshaphat.... v. 3*

**They can drive us CLOSER to God or AWAY from Him.**

*...resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. v. 3*

**Things to Remember When Obstacles Come ....**

**Power over obstacles is in GOD'S HAND.**

*O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. v. 6*

**PRAY. He will hear and deliver.**

*If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us. v. 9*

**ACKNOWLEDGE your need for God**

*For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you. v. 12*

**When in the midst of the Obstacles remember....**

**The BATTLE is the Lord's.**

*This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. v. 15*

**I need to STAND in order to see God deliver me.**

*You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you. v. 17*

**I WORSHIP God even in the midst of the obstacles.**

*Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. v. 18*

**Overcoming the Obstacles Leads to .....**

**Sometimes an UNEXPECTED ending.**

*The men of Ammon and Moab rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. v. 23*

**Reaping of REWARDS for a long time.**

*Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. v. 25*

**God given JOY, PEACE, and REST.**

*Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies... And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side. v. 27, 30*