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### Guidance

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

All of us are faced with the constant need for guidance. What career should I pursue? Whom should I marry? Where should I live? Should I change jobs? In which church activity should I invest my time? How should I spend my weekend? From the major and critical questions of life to daily and mundane situations, we are bombarded by matters which demand a decision. Jehoshaphat, king of Judah from 870-845 B.C., found himself in the same position. He needed to discern God's direction in a time of crisis. In 2 Chron. 20:1-30 we see principles of guidance which can help us to hear God's voice.

1. In what areas of your life do you presently need guidance?

2. Read 2 Chron. 20:1-30. Describe the situation confronting Jehoshaphat (2 Chron. 20:1-2).

Imagine yourself in a similar situation. What would you be feeling and thinking?

3. What is Jehoshaphat's immediate response (2 Chron. 20:3-4)?

4. In Jehoshaphat's prayer, how does he perceive himself and God (2 Chron. 20:5-12)?

5. Jehoshaphat's prayer evidences a knowledge of Scripture. How can Scripture help us in seeking guidance?

6. By what further means does God guide (2 Chron. 20:13-17)?

Although such direct guidance is extraordinary, what principles of guidance can we learn from this prophecy?

**7.** In what ways does Jehoshaphat respond to the guidance he receives (2 Chron. 20:18-21)?

**8.** How might you have responded? Why?

**9.** What is the result of Jehoshaphat's obedience to God's guidance (2 Chron. 20:22-30)?

**10.** What principles about seeking God's guidance do we learn from Jehoshaphat's example?

**11.** How can you apply these principles in your current needs for guidance?