



## **I. Facing Our Fear**

- A. Fear is normal/expected in times of adversity
- B. His options:
  - i. Call the generals and devise a war plan!
  - ii. Run away and avoid the enemy all together – sign a treaty
  - iii. Be angry with God and pitch a fit – lose your witness
- C. You can face the enemy with faith and force the fear to flee
  - i. Fear flees as our mouths express faith (faith talk) (Isa. 41:10)
  - ii. Our emotions follow as we practice faith (faith walk)
  - iii. Our minds become focused on spiritual solutions (faith see)

## **II. Facing Our God**

- A. Jehoshaphat makes a mental/spiritual choice
  - 1. nathan - to set or give focus toward
  - 2. panim - face— physically turn toward (Dan.9:3;Lk. 9:51)
  - 3. darash - to inquire
    - i. To enter into
    - ii. To express
    - iii. To expect
- B. Jehoshaphat learns from his mistakes (2 Chron. 18:4, 6, 13, 18-22, 27)
- C. Jehoshaphat learned from Israel's history (David, Solomon, Azariah)
- D. What does Jehoshaphat know about God:
  - 1. God cares about his choices
  - 2. God is bigger than any enemy he faces
  - 3. God's defends those who trust in Him!
- E. We do not need not to seek answers – but God himself!

## **III. Fleeing Our Control**

- A. We are “control freaks”
- B. Turning to God means turning away from our control
- C. Until we come to the end of ourselves (Gen 32)
- D. “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7)