



# THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

## PASTORAL GROWTH SERIES

### “FACING MONUMENTAL OBSTACLES”

**P.U.S.H. Series – Part 5A**

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Life can be difficult in a non-Christian world. The world and those in the world that do not know God are not one with God. Christians are in a battle with the world; a battle full of temptation to entice our eyes to the things in the world that our spiritual beings do not. They are persecuted, mocked, and ridiculed because of their beliefs. They continuously face monumental obstacles in their life. In the Bible, King Jehoshaphat was able to face monumental obstacles in his reign as king of Judah (2 Chron. 20).

#### **1. What should we do when we are facing such monumental obstacles?**

- 1.1 Seek God in prayer. We should praise and worship Him because these give us victory over our enemy (Psalm 22). Worship and spiritual warfare go hand in hand. If we consult God, we should wait until we hear the solution or instructions from Him.
- 1.2 Do not fear (Isa. 41:30). God will deliver us from all our fears (Ps. 34:4).
- 1.3 See that troubles in life are the reasons for hope, not despair. The people of Judah admitted their lack of power and wisdom to conquer their foes (2 Chron. 20:12). We should be humble to accept that we can not do it without God’s help.
- 1.4 Give to God our battles because the battle is not ours but His (2 Chron. 20:15). He will fight for us (Heb. 12:2). As we fix our eyes on the Lord and put our hope in Him we have God’s assuring promise that we need nothing more.

1.5 Remind God of His promise and praise God for His past, present, and future testimonies (2Chron.20:5-13;Heb.11:1). At the beginning of his prayer, King Jehoshaphat asked four questions that he knew would be answered with a resounding “Yes.” Centering our thoughts and emotions to the Scriptures will also help us go through the storm. When we pray, we should claim God’s Word written in the Scriptures.

1.6 Remind God of our faithfulness in serving Him. King Jehoshaphat was bold enough to remind God of their faithfulness to Him (2 Chron. 20:8). He also reminded God that Israel had dwelt in the land and had built a sanctuary in His name.

1.7 Pray Solomon’s Prayer. King Jehoshaphat called the people to pray together.

#### **Conclusion:**

The person with nothing left but God has more than enough for a great victory in facing monumental obstacles.

#### **Reflection:**

1. How do you resist the temptation to go on, to give up, to doubt, and to quit? Do you flee from evil?
2. Do you believe beyond your ability to understand how your problems can be solved or how your battles are won?

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