

BECAUSE THEY TRUSTED HIM

THEY CRIED OUT TO GOD DURING THE BATTLE, AND HE ANSWERED THEIR PRAYER BECAUSE THEY TRUSTED IN HIM.

1 CHRONICLES 5:20

CRYING OUT TO GOD IS THE SECRET WEAPON OF EVERY BELIEVER. THOUGH WE ARE IN CONSTANT COMMUNION AND CONVERSATION WITH THE LORD, CRYING OUT IS SOMETHING THAT WE DO IN TIMES OF GREAT NEED, EARNEST DESIRE, OR INTENSE PRESSURE. WHY DID THE WARRIORS OF REUBEN, GAD AND THE HALF-TRIBE OF MANASSEH CRY OUT TO GOD DURING THE BATTLE? THEY NEEDED HIM! GOD MOVED WHEN THEY CRIED OUT. PROMPTED BY THEIR TRUST IN HIM, GOD HIMSELF BEGAN TO FIGHT THEIR ENEMIES.

THE LORD ALWAYS DEFENDS THE HONOR OF HIS NAME. NONE WHO TRUST IN HIM WILL BE ASHAMED.

IN TIMES OF GREAT PRESSURE, EVERYONE TURNS TO SOMETHING TO HELP THEM COPE. WE MUST REMEMBER TO TURN TO GOD IN OUR MOMENTS OF NEED AND ANGUISH. IF POSSIBLE, FIND SOMEWHERE PRIVATE AND TRULY POUR OUT YOUR HEART TO THE LORD. MAYBE A PLACE IN THE HOUSE WOULD WORK, OR GOING ON A DRIVE, OR MAYBE EVEN ON A WALK. JESUS WENT TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. WE CAN EVEN CRY OUT TO GOD IN OUR HEARTS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR TROUBLES.

WE GO TO HIM BECAUSE WE TRUST IN HIM. WE KNOW THAT HE ALONE IS OUR HOPE, OUR HELP, OUR STRENGTH, AND THE ONE WHO HOLDS OUR DESTINY IN HIS HANDS.

Father, we trust in You.

Remind us in our moments of need to cry out to You.

- LORD, I'M SO AWARE OF MY OWN LIMITED RESOURCES. I TURN TO YOU IN THIS PRESSURE. I CRY OUT FROM MY OWN LACK, RECOGNIZING YOUR INFINITE RESOURCES, LOVE, AND POWER.
- BREATHE IN HIS PEACE AS YOU WAIT IN FAITH. READ 1 CHRONICLES 5:20 OVER AGAIN. "THEY CRIED OUT..." "HE ANSWERED..." "THEY TRUSTED..."