



Weekly Devotional | January 09, 2020

"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." II Chronicles 20:12

Jehoshaphat, king in Jerusalem in the mid-9th Century BC, was one of the good kings. He ruled well. However, during his reign his kingdom was invaded by combined forces of three different countries. He was outnumbered; and he was scared. So he prayed. His prayer to God is recorded in II Chronicles 20. The line above is from that prayer.

Jehoshaphat probably felt like so many of us; "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." I am sure that you have visited friends in a strange city. You do not know anything much about the city; you don't know the names of the streets; you don't know the landmarks or where the good restaurants are. Everyone decides to go out to eat. They need two cars, so you must drive. The trouble is, you have no idea where to go. Your friend, who is driving the other car, knows the way. What do you do? You follow him. You don't need to know much about the city or the names of the streets or the landmarks of even the name of the restaurant. You only need to do one thing. Follow your friend. Where he stops, you stop. Where he turns, you turn. And all you need to know to do to get to the restaurant is to keep your eyes on your friend.

Our lives are much like this. Jehoshaphat had no idea what to do to combat this overwhelming army. But he did know one thing. He knew that God knew what to do. He was confident that God could (and would) lead him. We too need to look to God in the middle of our overwhelming lives. So much stuff going on all around us - so much noise - so many different voices - so many distractions - so many troubles and difficulties - so much suffering and pain. Life is tough. It is not for sissies.

But we can be like Jehoshaphat. We can keep our eyes on our gracious, wise and strong God, the one who came and lived and suffered and died and rose again for us. Like Jehoshaphat we can keep our eyes on Him. As confusing as our lives seem to get, life really is pretty simple. I did not say it was easy; I said it was simple. Jesus said, "Follow me." There you go. Follow Jesus. Where he goes, you go. When he turns, you turn. Where he stops, you stop. Keep your eyes on Him.

If you are at all like me, you often do not know what to do. You get lost in the noise of life's traffic. The reality that has just smacked you upside the head has rattled your brain. It is difficult to focus through the pain and confusion. Everyone one is trying to get your attention - to turn your head. Just remember this: keep your eyes on Jesus and follow him.