

GROWING STRONGER

Part 3: Stronger Responses

OUR RESPONSE MATTERS

- Common responses to problems / challenges
 1. Freak out
 2. Check out
 3. Lean in - facing the situation with an effort to resolve
- A not so common response
 1. Bring God into the situation (*Psalm 34:4 NKJ*)
 2. Our part is to seek Him

JEHOSHAPHAT'S STRONG RESPONSE TO A MAJOR PROBLEM

- He was afraid but did not stop there (*2 Chronicles 20:1-4 NKJ*)
 1. He set himself to seek the Lord
- Seeking God in prayer (*2 Chronicles 20:5-13 NKJ*)
 1. Starting big - a big God
 2. Not just a big impersonal God, but our God
 3. Asked for God's help
- Expected an answer - prayed and stood before the Lord
 1. Believed God would answer or there would be no sense in waiting

GROWING STRONGER IN YOUR RESPONSES

- The best response in a fearful situation
 1. Don't freak out, or check out
 2. Don't lean in by yourself - limits you to your resources
 3. Determine, set yourself to get serious about seeking God
- Use Jehoshaphat's prayer as a pattern
 1. Start big with the greatness of God
 2. Make it personal - not just God, but Heavenly Father
 3. Have a scriptural basis for the prayer (*Romans 8:31-32 NKJ*)
 4. Ask for God's help - Jesus said ask and you will receive
- Expect an answer (*Philippians 4:6 NKJ*)
 1. Thanking God because we believe He heard us