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[00:00:06] Jimmy Knott

Greetings again, my friend. Welcome to the podcast teaching that transforms with Pastor Jimmy Knight. Thanks so much for joining me today. Today, we're going to conclude our study through my latest book, Lord Teach US to Pray Romania, Romania, this books available on Amazon both in paperback and digital. And I hope you if you don't have a copy already that you'll go to Amazon and purchase wanted when you finish reading it. You'd be kind enough to write a review.

[00:00:38] Jimmy Knott

But today is that final look into this prayer study. Today we're going to look at Chapter 10 really in the book, which is entitled Praying Through Problems.

[00:00:51] Jimmy Knott

I don't know about you now. I really do know about you, everyone. I'm not excluded or not excluded. Everyone has problems. They may be mild. They may be medium. They may be severe. Christians have them. non-Christians have them. Just living life in this world. We're gonna have problems. We're gonna have difficulties in John 16, 33, Jesus said. I have said these things to you that in me, you may have peace in the world. You will have tribulation. You will face problems. But take heart. I have overcome the world. Then I think a joke.

[00:01:32] Jimmy Knott

Probably nobody that I can think of, at least biblically, experience more difficult days than than the Old Testament character. Joe lost everything. Had some physical health problems. And Jobe said, man, that is born of a woman is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward. And then he went on to say That man is born of a woman is of a few days and full of trouble. A man is just part of life. James writes in his book, James One to count it all, Joy, my brothers. When you meet various trials, troubles and difficulties are just part of life. And how's a believer going to deal with those problems and those difficulties? And Luke, 18 one. Which is a very important part of the prayer book. Jesus said, We are always to pray and not lose heart, not faint.

[00:02:20] Jimmy Knott

And problems can cause us to lose heart and they can cause us to faint. So I think learning learning how to pray through problems in life is really important, really critical, really difficult. And today, I want to use an old test, McKerracher and his experience and look at how he can teach us by his example and what he did or how to pray through problems. This is recorded in Second Chronicles, Chapter 20 in the Old Testament. It's the story of King Johanssen Fatts experience when he was facing a tremendous problem in his life. And I feel like we could draw some key principles for solving problems through how Johanssen fast face the difficulties that were in front of him. You know, I thought when I face problems in life, regardless of what can they were or how intense they were.

[00:03:13] Jimmy Knott

I always need two things. One, I need wisdom and need wisdom to know what to do.

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And then secondly, I need the courage and the power or the will, you might say, to do it and to carry out the wisdom that has been given to me.

[00:03:32] Jimmy Knott

So hopefully through this podcast today and through what we learned about praying through problems, you'll gain some wisdom and the will to pray through some of the difficulties you're facing in your life. Let me give me a little bit of background on King jehoshaphat. He was a good and a godly king by now. The kingdom that was once unified is now been broken into a northern kingdom and a southern kingdom. And Josh Ofat was was a king to the southern kingdom. He was contemporary problem with a northern kingdom king that we may know from our Bible history.

[00:04:08] Jimmy Knott

King Ahab and his wife with Jezebel. Many of us will remember her, but he was jehoshaphat was the son of a pretty good king, Aissa, and he really brought about a lot of reform when a perfect king. If I read a little bit more the background on Jaha Shabat, you

would certainly see, like I say, he made some mistakes. He made some wrong decisions, but he reigned. And overall, he was a good and a godly king. They reigned over Gyuto some 25 years. But as he faces an attack from some, it's almost insurmountable foes. We see how he faced his problem and the principles we can draw for praying through our own problems, which is so important. So let me walk through Reading Second Chronicles, Chapter 20 Psalm. These verses and this drawing, some of them valuable principles that will help you as it's helped me to pray through the problems that we face today or the ones that we'll face in the future.

[00:05:09] Jimmy Knott

Let me begin by setting things in context and reading the opening verses. After they ask the motorbikes and the ammonites and with them, some of the med unites that would be really premier to the Syrian area came against jehoshaphat for battle. So I would say that's a problem. Some men came and told jehoshaphat and this is what they told him. A great multitude is coming against you from Edam, from beyond the sea. And behold, they are in Hazare's on Tamar. That is in Getit.

[00:05:38] Jimmy Knott

Now that's on the west side of this of the Dead Sea. These nations, these three nations that are coming against jehoshaphat all resided of east of the Jordan River, east of the Dead Sea, and a little bit even south of the Dead Sea bursary.

[00:05:57] Jimmy Knott

Then Johanssen Fat figured he was afraid.

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Well, unfortunately, that's breeding natural response when you and I face problems, especially problems that are very intense and severe and severe.

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So he feared and said himself to seek the Lord and proclaim the fast.

[00:06:14] Jimmy Knott

Throughout all, Judah and Judah assembled to seek help from the Lord, from all the cities of Judah. They came to seek the Lord, and jehoshaphat had stood in the simile of Judah and Jerusalem and the House of the Lord before the new court.

[00:06:29] Jimmy Knott

So what are some lessons? Just some quick principles that we can learn when we face problems in life and we want to do a better job of praying, three problems. Well, here's the first one except God's solution, whatever it is, before the problem, before problem ever arises. We previously discussed in a podcast that God always answers prayer sometimes no, sometimes differently than we prayed. Sometimes, yes. And sometimes just wait, just wait. But he always answers to prayer. And our best attitude when it comes to praying through problems is nevertheless trust. Nevertheless, trust. We should never come to God with some kind of a predetermined answer that our man of how God should resolve our problem. Regardless of the nature of the problem, it's essential that we accept God's solution no matter what it is. Even before problems arise arises, you know, if you and I are in a difficult situation.

[00:07:29] Jimmy Knott

They say it's a financial situation and we're not financial experts. Well, wisdom would say that we would go to someone who is an expert in that world of finances and we would sit down with them and we would let them know the problem that we're facing. Now, if we're going to have on our conversation who needs to do most of. Who needs to do most of the listening?

[00:07:50] Jimmy Knott

The one who is seeking wisdom. Or the one who has the wisdom. Well, we need to be doing most of the listening.

[00:07:58] Jimmy Knott

And I think sometimes in our relationship with God, who certainly always has wisdom that we need to face any problems in life, we need to commit ourselves to listen to his wisdom rather than trying to tell him what we think our wisdom is.

[00:08:12] Jimmy Knott

So the first principle is accept God's solution, whatever it is, before a problem arises. Just surrender to him. Say, Lord, I surrender. I want to know what your wisdom is to solve this problem. Number two, we need to believe that our Heavenly Father is vitally and personally interested in our problem. Whether that problem is small or whether that problem is large, it didn't make any difference. Like Jaha Shuafat. So it is with every believer. We need to know that God cares about everything that's going on in our life. Once we come into a personal lectureship with Christ, we enter our covenantal relationship with God and every need and every desired. Every problem we face matters to him. Every problem we have is God's problem. Let me say that again. Every problem we have is God's problem. We must realize how God can and will be involved with us in our problem. He care. He knows. He cares. He wants to grow us through the problem. We are never alone. He is always with us.

[00:09:19] Jimmy Knott

Next, here's a third very practical solution. Johanssen Fat symbols, all of the people together, and then he and then he says he begins to pray. Oh, Lord, oh, lord, God of our fathers. Art thou not God in heaven.

[00:09:36] Jimmy Knott

This thou not rule over all the kings of the nation in the hand are power and might so that none is able to withstand the dish now. Not Oh, our God. Drive out the inhabitants of this land before that, people of Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of

Abraham Biafran.

[00:09:55] Jimmy Knott

What is what's Jehoshaphat doing as he goes to God in prayer? The first thing he does is he affirms that God, that his God, our God, my God, your God is greater than any problem. He praised God for his sovereignty and for his power. There is nothing that will ever face that's greater than our God. No problem is ever too big for our God. This kind of affirmation provides great confidence in when we face any problem. God has never caught by surprise. God is never confused by any problem that you and I ever face. We'll never know when our journey will never know that God is all we need until we realize he is all that we have. Number four principle is found right here in these opening verses in a Jehoshaphat did it several times when a problem arises. Seek the Lord first.

[00:10:53] Jimmy Knott

Several times in a passage, he says he sought the law. He sought the law. He sought the Lord. Our first response should be when we face difficulties regardless of the size is seeking, Lord should always be our initial response to every problem. But I'm afraid too often we're in a hurry to solve a problem our own way. I know that I am too many times. We must give God the time and the attention necessary for him to sift through our fearful faults and replace them with his wisdom and courage. So when a problem arises, go to God for a shout, up a prayer and say, Lord, I need your wisdom and I need your help. 5TH right here in the same virtue that just read. Realize that God may want us to involve others in praying about and through our problem. Johanssen Fat injured all encourage all the people of Judah to join him in fasting and in seeking the Lord. Many of our life's problems are resolved between us and God alone. Yet there are sometimes that God wants to bring others. It's part of his plan for the solution to bring others into our problem. You know, Satan wants to isolate us, especially in troubled times. But God wants us to reach out to other brothers and sisters in Christ, those that we can know and love and trust with the information. And we can't face a lot of the difficulties in life alone and others can help us. In fact, God may use them to be the source of wisdom as we face our difficulties in life. God often speaks to me and brings the wisdom that I need when I'm facing the problem by speaking through, speaking through.

[00:12:32] Jimmy Knott

Others may go in and read Johanssen fetch prayer. It's a powerful, powerful prayer. And he continues and they have dwelt in it. And I have bitterly a sanctuary for that name, saying if evil comes upon us, the sword, judgment, pestilence, war, famine. We will stand before this house and before they for that aim is in this house, a crowd of thee and our affliction. And that will hear and say, God knows, cares is powerful and able. And now behold the man of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir Syria, who vow was not last Israeli Vade when they came for the land of Egypt and whom they abhorred it and who did not destroy. Behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your that possession was the house given us to inherit. Oh our God, without not execute judgment on them. For we are powerless against the great multitude that is coming against us.

[00:13:24] Jimmy Knott

We do not know what to do, but our eyes or upon them our eyes are upon the we don't know what to do. We need wisdom in our eyes or upon. They here's a six great principle for praying to a problem. Believe that God will provide the answer to our problem. As I said, every problem we face is God's problem, and our Heavenly Father is in the problem solving business. He always knows what to do about every problem we face. He doesn't need our help. He will answer our problem either directly or indirectly in Jehoshaphat case. God spoke the solution through local prophet Jahessye El. Let me continue to read.

[00:14:08] Jimmy Knott

Meanwhile, all the men of Judah stood before the Lord with their little ones, their wives and their children. And the spirit of Lord came upon Jahessye, all the son of Zacharias, the son of Ben on I-A, and the son of Jihad, a-all son of metanoia, a Levi, the sons of A-s, and in the midst of the assembly. And he said. Here is what the prophets, God speaking through the prophet, tells Johanssen Fat and the people God facing this problem what they are today. Haakon, all of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat. Thus, says the Lord, to you, fear not, and be not dismayed at this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Zeze. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness. J. Rioux L.. You will not need to fight in this battle. Take your position. Stand still and see the victory of the Lord on your behalf. OHCHR, Judah and Jerusalem. Fear not and be not dismayed.

[00:15:10] Jimmy Knott

Tomorrow go out against them and the Lord will be with you. The Lord will be with you.

[00:15:17] Jimmy Knott

Ben Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all of due to the heavens to Jerusalem fell down before the Lord worshiping the Lord and the Levites of the Golan Heights. And the Kaura High stood up before stood up to praise the Lord, the God of Yusra, with a very loud voice.

[00:15:35] Jimmy Knott

You see what's happening here. And another principle is we pray through a problem. We need to keep our praying God centered rather than problem centered. Johannes has prayer is clearly focused on who God is, his person and his power and his ability and his wisdom and the promises of God. God had given them the land. He had been faithful to them. Then he would continue to be faithful. Whenever we face a problem, we need to do a better job in our praying to concentrate and focus on God's faithfulness. God's power and God's wisdom, rather than than turning inward. And looking at ourselves or even looking too much at the problem that's in front of us. Here's an eighth principle in praying to a problem.

[00:16:21] Jimmy Knott

God's solution usually demands a step of obedient faith. Hearing God's voice, we talked about that in a recent podcast, almost

always requires courage and faith and trust is sometimes it'll go directly against whatever human wisdom says. But twice God told them to go out. To go out. To go out and to move forward. Most of the time, we will God to solve our problems and really demand nothing of us. God doesn't usually work this way. He may require and often does risk taking on our part. We must learn to live by faith. There are those times when risk has to override reason and faith has to override fear in Jehovah's part. God's solution was to have the quiet army. And the weapons were to be songs of Israel.

[00:17:16] Jimmy Knott

It just didn't seem to make any sense. Let me continue reading. And they rose early the next morning and went out into the Wilderness of Zin and as they went at Jericho, Jericho stood and said, Hear me, Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established, believe his prophets and you will succeed. And when he had taken the council with the people he appointed, those who were to say to the Lord and to praise him and holy war as they went before the army, I met the choir's leading the way.

[00:17:47] Jimmy Knott

It just saw that that doesn't make sense and how to solve the problem.

[00:17:51] Jimmy Knott

And off that that's the case. And this is what they were to say. Give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love endures forever.

[00:18:00] Jimmy Knott

Give thanks to the Lord, and his steadfast love endures forever.

[00:18:05] Jimmy Knott

You know, it's interesting.

[00:18:06] Jimmy Knott

I just noticed a lot of times in God's people through the years when they face a problem, it might be a financial problem or a health problem or could be a relationship problem or work problem. Oftentimes one of the first things that goes at their faithfulness in worship and in praise and yet the very answer sometimes is found in an atmosphere of worship and praise. So when problems come, they shouldn't cause us to run from God, but to God in worship and adoration and praise.

[00:18:37] Jimmy Knott

Let me read on and see what happened. And when they began to sing in praise, the Lord said an ambush against the man of Ammon Moab and Mount Seir who had come against Judah. And so that they were routed for the man of Ammon and Moab rose against the inhabitants of Moab were destroying them utterly. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Moab, they all helped to destroy one another. They just got so confused. They just started killing one another. Verse 24 when Judah came to the Watchtower of the Wilderness. They look toward the multitude to behold. There were dead bodies lying on the ground. None at escape. When the Israelites had and his people came to take the spoil from them, they found cattle in great numbers. Goods, clothing and precious things which they took for themselves until they could carry no more. There are three days in taking this spoil. It was so much on the fourth day they assembled in the valley of Jericho for their they blessed the Lord. Therefore, the name of that place had been called the Valley.

[00:19:34] Jimmy Knott

A bare car. To this day, and down in verse thirty. So the realm of Jericho was quiet, for his God gave him rest on every side. Wow. A couple more lessons. The principles to take and praying through a problem. No. And God will give peace and rest about our problem.

[00:19:55] Jimmy Knott

If we listen and obey, God will work. He may not always remove the problem, but he will give us peace and strength to make it through the proper. You see every day. Sometimes, many times a day. God asked us to choose. Will you trust me and let me show you the next step? Or will you try to resolve matters on your own? When we do it God's way. There's always peace, maybe peace in the midst of the storm. And then the last principle, when we are making our way through problems and praying through them, God will often use our problem. And our response to that problem. To make a difference in the lives of others. You see, people are always watching believers and unbelievers are always watching. And as a result of what happened, the fear of God came on all the kingdoms of the countries. You know, when we make our way through our problems and folks are watching, oftentimes it's a way of shining a light and shaking assault and having an influence in other people's lives in terms of how we respond to the problems of life.

[00:21:04] Jimmy Knott

So, you know, I really see a pattern here. I really do. And here's the pattern. A problem arises. And then we begin to pray through that problem, acknowledging that we need God's wisdom, which he may directly speak to us or through his word or through others. We need to be willing to trust and obey whatever wisdom that we receive that God gives us the victory. And in the end, the value of our faith. We thank God, provided the wisdom that we needed. Whenever we try to solve problems by our own means and our own timing. I'm telling you, disaster is just ahead. Instead, we must learn. We must learn to come to our loving, heavenly, caring, heavenly father and humble and submissive prayer for God for who he is acknowledging our relationship with him and accepting his solution, whatever it is. And then we move out and courageous faith. And in time, he will either remove the problem or he'll give us the grace to see it through.

[00:22:09] Jimmy Knott

So the close lesson, which is kind of maybe three quick lessons that we could draw as we face life. Here's number one. Good news or bad news?

[00:22:20] Jimmy Knott

The good news. Your problems are gonna go away. The bad news. New ones are coming. Number two, let your problems let your problems be a call to prayer. Let your prayers outlast your problems and then life's tough problems won't last forever. But praying people will.

[00:22:47] Jimmy Knott

So this concludes our podcast on a prayer study. I hope you've enjoyed it. Oh, my book, The Soul that I hope will be so impactful to you. Lord, teach us to pray. The ultimate request every disciple should make. I do hope again that you'll go to Amazon and either purchase the book or you'll get the digital virgin as well. I want to thank you for being a part of this prayer series.

[00:23:14] Jimmy Knott

Thanks for listening to truth that transforms. And remember, it only transforms us when we apply it. Blessings from Pastor Jimmy. I'll see you next.

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