

Checkmate

“But God...”

This is what the Lord is saying to you; *“Don’t be afraid and don’t be depressed because of this great enemy in front of you; the battle is not yours, but it is God’s.”*

II Chron 20:15 (para)



4 Checkmate Lessons

1) Appearances are not
what they FEEL to be...

*v10 We did not destroy them & look
how they reward us...*

*V12 We have no might against this
great company that comes against
us; neither do we know what to do:
but our eyes are on you.*

v. 15 *“Don’t be defeated or discouraged,
the battle is not yours.”*

Our grid system is

“reason” striving.

God’s grid system is

“Revelation” rest.

Our extremity becomes
His opportunity.

2) We have to come to the end of our carefully protected (yet limited) resources!

V. 12. "We are powerless against this situation..."

Woman with issue of blood came to Jesus; **Luke 8:43**

1. **Exhausted all Human Resources**; 12 Yrs of Docs!!!!
2. **Explored Divine Resources**; "There is this man Jesus I've heard about. He could be a quack but lets explore Him."
3. **Exhibited Great Faith**; Think about it. She's looking at her body, and her disease, and surely her assessment of herself was low. But she exhibits great faith to go to Him.
4. **Experienced Divine Deliverance**; Imagine she was 12 years in her sickness, it would be an impossible thought to think she could be healed.

3) God is never stumped...

God's got a plan.

The infinitely creative mind of God is inexhaustible with solutions for my dilemma!

The exhaustless mind of God
has 100's of answers.
I just need one!!!

v. 16 God's mouthpiece is a positive voice, the prophet says; "Your going to go out and face them tomorrow, "run into the roar this lions has roar no teeth"

v. 21; "He appointed a worship team to be sent out AHEAD of the army and sing praises to the Holiness of the Lord"

4) Splashage!

God's answers are so abundant!

God's solutions are so stupendous when they show up that they cause us to be awestruck! They also stun onlookers as the miracle splashes all over others!

v. 23 & 25 *“The Lord caused the enemy to destroy each other & Israel was 3 days in gathering up the spoilages of war”*

“Peter dropped the fishing nets on the other side of the boat. The nets came up so full he called his fishing buddies over & gave them so many fish it nearly sank their boat as well” Luke 5:7

“He healed the deaf man and commanded him to tell no one. The more he commanded the more they talked about it. People were so overwhelmed with amazement that they could not help but blurt out to everyone they saw; “Wow, he does all things well, even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak!” Mk 7:36

