

From the Pastor's Desk (Rev. Nathan Ondego)

Title: What can I do? (What to do when you don't know what to do)

Text; 2Chronicles 20:2;

In this verse we read the story of Jehoshaphat the King of Judah. *During this time Israelites were surrounded by enemies and they were always at war. One time in time, someone came to King Jehoshaphat and announced to him that enemies were approaching and that they were a distance away. What could he do? There are always "some" with a bad report. The Biblical record is filled with their gloomy proclamations: Moses received a bad report concerning the dangerous depths of the Red Sea. Messengers came to Nehemiah describing Jerusalem in ruins with its fortified walls collapsed in devastation. Naomi, a woman whose story is recorded in the book of Ruth, received a series of bad reports: Her husband and both sons died. King David looked out over the plains and saw a messenger running with news from the battlefield. It was a devastating report that his son, Absalom, was dead. A righteous man named Job seemed to have a propensity for bad news. He received word that his children were killed and his servants and herds captured by the enemy. As Jesus hurried towards home bringing Jesus to his ailing daughter's side, his servant met him with the tragic news that the child was already dead.* There are always "some" with a bad report. We live in a negatively oriented world. If you don't believe it, observe what happens when you share an innovative idea. The common response is for others to immediately point out why your plan won't work. This negative mind-set is tremendously evident on the evening television news where practically every report concerns crime, political wrangling, or societal crisis. If a dog bites you, no news is sent out, but if you bite a dog, there a report is birthed. Now think for a moment...What is the composition of the "great multitude" you face? You may think your "multitude" is a person who is making your life miserable. Pastors may consider church board to be their great multitude. Others may consider children out of control, abusive mates, hostile co-workers, bad business time, unreasonable spouse, A friend turn enemy to be a multitude of your bad report; you are wrong. **Your enemy is not those rising up against you.** Your real foes are only disguised in "flesh and blood" and as long as you perceive your battle to be on a natural level you will continue to be terrorized by the enemy and keep asking "What can I do". This morning I want to tell you what to do when you don't know what to do; Behind every "great multitude" and every "bad report" there are spiritual causes. *The Apostle Paul explains that; we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12). Your enemy is not your mate, your co-worker, or your abuser. Your enemy is the controlling power behind the great multitude, the forces of Satan and his demonic hosts. This is why the Apostle Paul declares, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds"*

(1 Corinthians 10:4).

.....Get it right. When you don't know what to do - Seek Jesus.....