

Imperative from 2 Chronicles 7:14	2 Chronicles	King that Led in a National Revival
“humble themselves”	34-35	Josiah
“pray”	17-20	Jehoshaphat
“seek My face”	14-16	Asa
“turn from their wicked ways”	29-32	Hezekiah

KEY QUESTION

In what direction are your eyes looking? Where are the eyes of Southside Baptist Church looking?

D _____ > in defeat, discouragement, and hopelessness

Behind > living in the glory what God did yesterday in the past

A _____ > in distractions of this world, shock/awe of what we’re experiencing

Up > to the Lord: continually fixed and focused on Him; reliant on Him for everything

JEHOSHAPHAT, the King of Judah...(2 Chron. 20: 31-32)

- Son of A _____, one of the four revival kings of Judah
- Became king at _____ years old
- Reigned over Judah for _____ years
- He “did what was right in the eyes of the Lord”

FOUR RESULTS WHEN OUR EYES ARE “FIXED ON THE LORD” . . .

1. **P** _____ in the church becomes a *top priority* rather than a *last resort*. (v.3-5)

What Jehoshaphat Doesn’t Do....

- Doesn’t run to the local priest
- Doesn’t seek out wise sages living in the land
- Doesn’t call on his personal advisors
- Doesn’t start implementing battle plans immediately or strategies to engage the enemy
- Doesn’t make his plans and then tell God his plans

- The instinctual response from his life in the midst of uncertainty, fear, doubts, and worry was to turn by faith to the Lord and to lead God's people to do the same.
- The h_____ of prayerful dependence was already established as a daily part of his life.
- Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."
- Is prayer in your life more like a war time walkie talkie or a spare tire?

2. The church becomes more desperate for God's *power* and less reliant on our own p_____ . (v.6/v.12)

- We rely heavily on p_____, people, and procedures to be successful. But the reality is only the Holy Spirit has the ability to change hearts, lives, families, and a community.
- "Lord, we don't know what to do....but our eyes are on You!"

3. The church obediently r_____ to the Word of God rather than merely *receiving* the Word of God. (vv.13-17)

- The Spirit of God anoints one man with a specific word from the Lord who then delivers it to all of Judah..."The battle is not yours but God's."
- Verse 20: "Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa"
- A major temptation every Christian faces is to hear the Word of God over and over again yet never do anything to apply it and put it into practice within our lives.

"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.** Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in the mirror and after looking himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, **but doing it**—they will be blessed in what they do." James 1: 22-25

Ex. Football Team in a Huddle
Sponge or a Funnel

4. Individual Christians begin r_____ "*high places*" out of their lives. (vv.31-33)

- While Jehoshaphat led God's people to turn to the Lord in prayerful dependence in the midst of doubts, fears, worries, and question marks, the Bible also shows us the i_____ of his leadership that were costly for God's people.

'High Places': spots on mountains or hills around Israel that were set apart for the worship of pagan, f_____ gods.

- Built altars with wooden idols and other symbols of false gods
- Burn incense, pray to, eat meals sacrificed to them, male and female prostitutes

- No power from God when "*high places*" remain
- No sense of urgency in prayer when the "*high places*" remain
- No obedience to the Word of God when the "*high places*" remain

- **B_____ over sin leads to purifying our hearts before God.**

