

**Title: Facing Your Challenges**  
**Text: 2 Chronicles 20: 1-18**

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**Walk-in:** This congregation has been facing more than a few challenges these days. Like many of the challenges we all face they come in familiar arenas for us: personal and corporate, physical and spiritual, economic and political, local and national. They always do. But there are key elements in **HOW** we face these challenges that will likely be very telling for you as a congregation in the days ahead. It's not so much **WHAT** are the *challenges* for us as it is what are the *resources* we will avail ourselves of in the days and months ahead. The above story from the Old Testament lays out **indispensable resources** for us in a season such as this. Hear them...Heed them!

**First there is the Indispensable resource of**  
**P** \_\_\_\_\_ . 2 Chronicles 20:3-13

There is the **S** \_\_\_\_\_ of their prayer. (20:3)  
“...he resolved to inquire of the Lord... he proclaimed a fast.”

There is the **E** \_\_\_\_\_ of their prayer. (20:4a)  
“The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord.”

There is the **I** \_\_\_\_\_ of their prayer. (20:4b)  
“...they came from every town in Judah to seek Him.”

There is the **C** \_\_\_\_\_ of their prayer.

**In its R** \_\_\_\_\_ . (20:9)  
“...we will stand in your presence...”

**In its C** \_\_\_\_\_ . (20:12)  
“...but our eyes are upon you.”

**Additionally, there is the indispensable resource of**  
**P** \_\_\_\_\_ . 2 Chronicles 20:14-17

It is a **S** \_\_\_\_\_ **E** \_\_\_\_\_ word. (20:14)  
“Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel..”

It is a **F** \_\_\_\_\_ **E** \_\_\_\_\_ word. (20:15,17)  
“The battle is not yours, but God’s.”

*The 5 commands!*

**Finally, there is the indispensable resource of P** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
2 Chronicles 20:18-22

It **E** \_\_\_\_\_ their **W** \_\_\_\_\_ . (20:18,19)

It **F** \_\_\_\_\_ their **F** \_\_\_\_\_ in God and His leaders. “Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.” (20:20)

It **I** \_\_\_\_\_ the **V** \_\_\_\_\_ . (20:21,22)

**Wrap-up:** Without question there are many challenges before us all in the days ahead. They will be filled with certain uncertainties, unexpected surprises, unanticipated twist and turns, unwelcome news. What resources will you choose to use that are available to you this morning to enable you to stand with confidence in the Lord regardless of the challenges? Don't let the challenges make you a victim. Let them find you a victor!