

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
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Sunday Morning 10-04-2020 "Good News Bad News"  
[Jesus] replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent." (Luke 4:43 NLT)  
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Series: Luke 2020 "A Study of Jesus' Life and Mission"  
Title: I Have Good News and Bad News  
Text: Luke 6:17-26

2 Chronicles 20:1-28 MSG  
<small><font color="#999999">1&#x2D;2</font></small> Some time later the Moabites and Ammonites, accompanied by Meunites, joined forces to make war on Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat received this intelligence report: "A huge force is on its way from beyond the Dead Sea to fight you. There's no time to waste" they're already at Hazazon Tamar, the oasis of En Gedi." <small><font color="#999999">3&#x2D;4</font></small> Shaken, Jehoshaphat prayed. He went to God for help and ordered a nationwide fast. The country of Judah united in seeking God's help" they came from all the cities of Judah to pray to God . <small><font color="#999999">5&#x2D;9</font></small> Then Jehoshaphat took a position before the assembled people of Judah and Jerusalem at The Temple of God in front of the new courtyard and said, "O God , God of our ancestors, are you not God in heaven above and ruler of all kingdoms

below? You hold all power and might in your fist“no one stands a chance against you! And didn’t you make the natives of this land leave as you brought your people Israel in, turning it over permanently to your people Israel, the descendants of Abraham your friend? They have lived here and built a holy house of worship to honor you, saying, “When the worst happens“whether war or flood or disease or famine“and we take our place before this Temple (we know you are personally present in this place!) and pray out our pain and trouble, we know that you will listen and give victory.” <font color="#999999">10

And now it’s happened: men from Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir have shown up. You didn’t let Israel touch them when we got here at first“we detoured around them and didn’t lay a hand on them. And now they’ve come to kick us out of the country you gave us. O dear God, won’t you take care of them? We’re helpless before this vandal horde ready to attack us. We don’t know what to do; we’re looking to you.” <font color="#999999">13

Everyone in Judah was there“little children, wives, sons“all present and attentive to God . <font color="#999999">14

Then Jahaziel was moved by the Spirit of God to speak from the midst of the congregation. (Jahaziel was the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah the Levite of the Asaph clan.) He said, “Attention everyone“all of you from out of town, all you from Jerusalem, and you King Jehoshaphat“ God’s word: Don’t be afraid; don’t pay any mind to this vandal horde. This is God’s war, not yours. Tomorrow you’ll go after them; see, they’re already on their way up the slopes of Ziz; you’ll meet them at the end of the ravine near the wilderness of Jeruel. You won’t have to lift a hand in this battle; just stand firm, Judah and Jerusalem, and watch God’s saving work for you take shape. Don’t be afraid, don’t waver. March out boldly tomorrow“ God is with you.” <font color="#999999">18

Then Jehoshaphat knelt down, bowing with his face to the ground. All Judah and Jerusalem did the same, worshiping God . The Levites (both Kohathites and Korahites) stood to their feet to praise God , the God of Israel; they praised at the top of their lungs! <font color="#999999">20

They were up early in the morning, ready to march into the wilderness of Tekoa. As they were leaving, Jehoshaphat stood up and said, “Listen Judah and Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! Believe firmly in God , your God, and your lives will be firm! Believe in your prophets and you’ll come out on top!” <font color="#999999">21

After talking it over with the people, Jehoshaphat appointed a choir for God ; dressed in holy robes, they were to march ahead of the troops, singing, Give thanks to God , His love never quits. <font color="#999999">22

As soon as they started shouting and praising, God set ambushes against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir as they were attacking Judah, and they all ended up dead. The Ammonites and Moabites mistakenly attacked those from Mount Seir and massacred them. Then, further confused, they went at each other, and all ended up killed. <font color="#999999">24

As Judah came up over the rise, looking into the wilderness for the horde of barbarians, they looked on a killing field of dead bodies“not a living soul among them. <font color="#999999">25

When Jehoshaphat and his people came to carry off the plunder they found more loot than they could carry off“equipment, clothing, valuables. It

took three days to cart it away! On the fourth day they came together at the Valley of Blessing (Beracah) and blessed God (thatâ€™s how it got the name, Valley of Blessing). <small><font color="#999999">27â€--â€-28</font></small> Jehoshaphat then led all the men of Judah and Jerusalem back to Jerusalemâ€™an exuberant parade. God had given them joyful relief from their enemies! They entered Jerusalem and came to The Temple of God with all the instruments of the band playing.  
<https://bible.com/bible/97/2ch.20.1-28.MSG>

Luke 6:17-26 NET

<small><font color="#999999">17</font></small> Then he came down with them and stood on a level place. And a large number of his disciples had gathered along with a vast multitude from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon. They came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, <small><font color="#999999">18</font></small> and those who suffered from unclean spirits were cured. <small><font color="#999999">19</font></small> The whole crowd was trying to touch him, because power was coming out from him and healing them all. <small><font color="#999999">20</font></small> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: â€Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God belongs to you. <small><font color="#999999">21</font></small> â€Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. â€Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <small><font color="#999999">22</font></small> â€Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you and insult you and reject you as evil on account of the Son of Man! <small><font color="#999999">23</font></small> Rejoice in that day, and jump for joy, because your reward is great in heaven. For their ancestors did the same things to the prophets. <small><font color="#999999">24</font></small> â€But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your comfort already. <small><font color="#999999">25</font></small> â€Woe to you who are well satisfied with food now, for you will be hungry. â€Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. <small><font color="#999999">26</font></small> â€Woe to you when all people speak well of you, for their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.  
<https://bible.com/bible/107/luk.6.17-26.NET>

Sermon in a Sentence: The good news in our nation might be bad news in Godâ€™s Kingdom.

Itâ€™s amazingly easy to trust whatever makes you feel comfortable and secure. When your finances are good, when you have plenty of food, when youâ€™re having a good time, when people like you, Jesus can slip your mind. But in Godâ€™s Kingdom, anything that decreases your trust and dependence on Jesus needs to go. You may feel uncomfortable and insecure until you discover that Jesus is all you need. In Godâ€™s Kingdom, our priorities are turned on their heads.

Two questions to discuss with family or friendsâ€!

- [1] When a problem pops up in your life, whatâ€™s the first thing you ask God to do?
- [2] What motivates you to pray for that?

