

Financial Report and Sharing

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I. Introduction.

- A. The example of being placed in a situation where no finances were readily available.
- B. Jehoshaphat prayed in time of trouble for Israel. (2 Chronicles 20)
 - 1. They were in warfare.
 - 2. They had to trust in God.
- C. The organization is in financial trouble, and there is an enemy out to get them. The first thing that they can do is to go before the Lord. Israel is again the example in their time of need. (2 Chronicles 20)
 - 1. Everyone was required to get involved.
 - 2. However, the battle was not theirs. The Battle was God's.
 - 3. While the battle was not the people's, God chose to bring them out to the battle to watch Him work—He was not going to let them get by without doing anything.
 - 4. The people got out and watched God work; He was victorious.
 - 5. The loot was bountiful for Israel.

II. The financial report of the Navigators.

- A. It is suffering the most critical financial situation in its history.
 - 1. For the first time, the regular giving overall has dropped from a year ago.
 - 2. There was a 127,000 shortfall.
 - 3. There is expectancy of the worst, but hope for the better.
- B. The proper response.
 - 1. It is not to panic nor to despair.
 - 2. There are three steps from 2 Chronicles 20.
 - a. Pray.
 - b. Believe by faith that God will see us through.
 - c. Know that the battle is not ours, but face the problem.

C. We have to ask how *we* can cut costs personally, work more efficiently and do a more effective job.

D. One needs to count his work as unto the Lord. (Colossians 3:23)

E. Application points.

1. Pray in groups.
2. Get your family involved.
3. Be creative in cutting expenses.

F. Cutting costs.

1. Suspending all budgets.
2. Beginning a department by department analysis to analyze intake in relation to outtake.
3. Prayer, belief, and accepting responsibility is going to be the key.

III. Questions and answers.

A. There is an emphasis in 2 Chronicles 20 on corporate praise.

B. The Glen Eyrie situation is similar.

Application questions.

1. What three principles did the speaker glean from 2 Chronicles 20? How did they apply to crisis that the Navigators were facing?

2. Have you been put in situations that have required a great deal of faith to see through? Do you know others? Share your story.

3. The Navigators, although at times suffering financially, is still with us today. What might this tell us about God?
