

GROWING STRONGER

Part 4: Stronger Faith

MINDSET MATTERS

- Two mindsets regarding growth
 1. A fixed mindset
 2. Open (growth) mindset
- Growing stronger in your faith (*2 Thessalonians 1:3 NKJ*)
 1. Faith is not a fixed asset
 2. You can grow from where you are now - no failure unless we quit

JEHOSHAPHAT'S EXAMPLE OF STRONGER FAITH

- Received God's promise (*2 Chronicles 20:13-18 NKJ*)
 1. They were promised help from God
 2. They did not try to figure out how this was going to work
 3. Worshipped and praised God for His promise
- Acted on God's promise (*2 Chronicles 20:20-22, 24-27 NKJ*)
 1. Went down to face the armies
 2. Praised God before they saw their answer
 3. God did what they could not do on their own
- Gave God the credit for their victory
 1. Set aside a day to bless God
 2. When the pressure was off they did not forget God - took time for Him

GROWING STRONGER IN YOUR FAITH

- Make it personal - make God's promises yours
 1. Know what His promises are (*Romans 10:17 NKJ*)
- Take steps of faith (action steps) (*James 2:17-18 Weymouth*)
 1. Jehoshaphat's instructions are still applicable today
 2. Resisting fear and discouragement is an action step
 3. Praising / thanking God is one of the best action steps
- Give God the credit (*Psalms 34:2 NKJ*)
 1. Boasting in what God has done
 2. He still causes us to rejoice over our enemies