

**TODAY's
SCRIPTURE
LESSON:
II Chronicles
20:13-27**

**TITLE:
"THE
BATTLE
IS NOT
YOURS!"**

**SERMON SERIES:
GRACE, MERCY, &
FAVOR**

- #1:** Sun., 04-24-16 => Similarities;
- #2:** Sun., 05-01-16 => Differences;
- #3:** Sun., 05-08-16 => Mthr's. Day;
- #4:** Sun., 05-15-16 => Pentecost;
- #5:** Sun., 05-22-16 => Wmn's.Day;

**SERMON SERIES:
GRACE, MERCY, &
FAVOR**

- #6:** Sun., 05-29-16 => Gst.Prchrs.
- #7:** Sun., 06-05-16 => Favor-#1;
- #8:** Sun., 06-12-16 => Scholrshp.
- #9:** Sun., 06-19-16 => Favor-#2;
- #10:** Sun., 06-26-16 => Gst.Prchr.;

FACTS abt. THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

In 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote the lyrics while he was detained on a British ship in Baltimore. He was inspired after witnessing the American victory at Fort McHenry, which he believed was an impossible task.

President Herbert Hoover signed the bill that made the song the national anthem in 1931. Prior, the United States Navy had used it in official ceremonies.

FACTS abt. THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Before it was named "The Star-Spangled Banner," it was called "The Defense of Fort McHenry."

In 1861, Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. added a verse. Francis Scott Key had been a slave owner, and members of the Confederate Army wanted to claim his anthem. Holmes... wrote new lyrics advocating that American slaves be unchained.

WORKING DEFINITION:**MERCY**

NOT getting what one deserves;

GRACE

Getting what one does

NOT deserves;

WORKING DEFINITION:**FAVOR****extraordinary and concentrated**

dispensation of GOD's

blessings, or GOD's

unmerited kindness;

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: PRAY

#2: POSITION

#3: PRAISE

SERMONIC**POINT #1:**

PRAY

"So Judah gathered together to ask help from THE LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they **came to seek THE LORD**...and said 'O LORD GOD of our fathers...are you not GOD...' "

II Chronicles 20:4-5

"...will YOU not judge...we have **no power** against this great multitude that is coming against us...we **don't know** what to do, but our eyes are upon YOU."

II Chronicles 20:12

"Now all Judah,
with their little ones,
their wives, and
their children, ***stood
before the Lord.***"

II Chronicles 20:13

"Then ***THE SPIRIT*** OF THE
LORD came upon Jahaziel,...And
he said, "Listen, all you of Judah
and...Jerusalem... Thus says THE
LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid
nor dismayed because
of this great multitude, for the
battle is not yours, but GOD's.

II Chronicles 20:14-15

SERMONIC
POINT #2:
POSITION

"You will not need to fight
in this battle. ***Position
yourselves***, stand still and see
the salvation of the Lord, who is
with you...!' Do not fear or be
dismayed;...go out against
them...THE LORD is with you. "

II Chronicles 20:17

SERMONIC
POINT #3:
PRAISE

Then the Levites of the
children of the Kohathites
and of the children of the
Korahites ***stood up to
praise*** THE LORD GOD
of Israel with voices loud...

I Chronicles 20:19

"...he appointed those who should sing to THE LORD, and who should ***praise the beauty of holiness***, as they went out before the army...saying: 'Praise THE LORD...'"

II Chronicles 20:21

"Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem ***with joy***, for THE LORD had made them ***rejoice*** over their enemies."

II Chronicles 20:27

"Now when they began to sing and to praise, ***THE LORD set ambushes*** against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated."

II Chronicles 20:22

"A good man will obtain ***favor*** from the LORD,
But He will condemn a man who devises evil."

Proverbs 12:2

CONCLUSION:

Remember an example of when you praised GOD before, during, and after a battle?

How, when, and where did you position yourself and your family?

How did you acknowledge GOD's miracle after your battle was over?