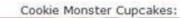
# What to do when things go wrong

Ted Ohrn March 12, 13 2016 BETTY CROCKER TRAIN CAKE







## What to do when things go wrong

- Stay in contact with God (pray and read) to receive God's leading
- Worship to receive the Lord's joy
- Remember what God has done in the past to receive God's hope for the future

### 1 Peter 5:8-9

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

# King Jehoshaphat's response

#### 2 Chron 20:6-7

"O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. 7 O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

# King Jehoshaphat's response

#### 2 Chron 20:12

For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."

## King Josiah

#### 2 Kings 22:8-13

8 Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. 9 Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple." 10 Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

## King Josiah

11 When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. 12 He gave these orders to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Acbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: 13 "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that burns against us because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us."

# Light for your darkness

Ps 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Ps 18:28 You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

## The Joy of the Lord

#### Neh 8:5-10

- **5** Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. **6** Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground....
- 8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.

## Joy for weeping

- 9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.
- 10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

#### Neh 8:11-12

- The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a sacred day. Do not grieve."
- 12 Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

## What to do when things go wrong

- Stay in contact with God (pray and read) to receive God's leading
- Worship to receive the Lord's joy
- Remember what God has done in the past to receive God's hope for the future

