

## Small Group & Personal Bible Study

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### Memory Verse: Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever.

### Daily Reading

- Day 1: Psalm 136 (Song of Accent)
- Day 2: 2 Chronicles 20:1-25 (Jehoshaphat)
- Day 3: 1 Chronicles 16:1-36 (David)
- Day 4: 2 Chronicles 5:1-14 (Solomon)
- Day 5: Ezra 3:7-11 (Ezra)

### Lesson: “The Ministry of Singing and Warfare”

Throughout history, God’s people have come together to worship and give thanks because of what He has done, because He is good and His love endures forever. Hear that, His love endures forever, both yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

When God’s people came near to God He would always come near to them and bring healing and victory over the attacks they experienced. James 4:7-8

1. **Read Psalm 136:** Stop at each verse and reflect on who God is and what He has done and promised. After reading list the things that stand out to you about God.

Let people share whatever stands out. Help them to focus on seeking who God is in their life.

Just a few of my quick thoughts:

- God is control and in charge: He is God over all gods and rules over all. He submits to no one or nothing. You dear children are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world... 1 John 4:4 (Verses 2-3)
- God is all powerful: If He has power to create the heavens, earth, and sea, to govern the sun, moon, and stars He can probably handle my struggles. (Verses 4-9)
- God is victorious: In His power He has won many battles for His children (Verse 10-20)
- God keeps His promises: He has gifted us greatly in ways He promised. (Verses 21-22)
- God is my provider: He is my provider (Verse 25)
- God is my redeemer: And most importantly God remembered me even though I was unworthy and He has freed me from my enemy sin and Satan. (Verses 23-24)

Today, God’s people are called to continue to sing and shout praises to His name as an act of worship, submission, and dependence on the Father. When we acknowledge that the battle is not ours but God’s (2 Chronicles 20:15-17) and then we can experience true spiritual victory. Jehoshaphat knew how God had done this before as His people praised Him. Stories of Joshua and King David as examples had to encourage Him to obey and declare thanks and praise to God for victory.

2. How has God used your submission in praise and worship to help you overcome spiritual warfare? **Let people share experiences**
3. What are you dealing with right now that perhaps God is telling you it is time to let go and let God. He wants to move from sorrow to song, from woe to worship, from poor me to praise Him? How can you change? What will you do? **Let people share and challenge those who do not believe that submission in worship leads to victory.**