

Prayer?

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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Van Barnhill, Administrative Pastor

Message: That Was Then, This is Now

Text: 2 Chronicles 20:5-12

"It all means more than I can tell you. So you must not judge what I know by what I find words for."
Marilynne Robinson, Gilead

"⁵And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, ⁶and said, 'O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. ⁷Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, ⁹'If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.'¹⁰And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— ¹¹behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. ¹²O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.'" 2 Chronicles 20:5-12

SOME OBSERVATIONS OF THEN:

- They prayed as a nation (demonstrating a value on their collective relationship with one another).
- They prayed with humility (demonstrating a dependence on the Lord).
- They prayed with expectation (demonstrating a belief that God would hear and save them).

SOME ENCOURAGEMENTS FOR NOW:

1. We should live with an internal understanding that God is real and relational.

"The most foundational thing in God is not some abstract quality, but the fact that he is Father...Thus all that he does he does as Father. That is who he is. He creates as a Father and he rules as a Father; and that means the way he rules over creation is most unlike the way any other God would rule over creation." **Michael Reeves, Delighting in the Trinity**

2. We should live with an external awareness that God is sovereign over everything.

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"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:31-33

3. Therefore, the way we think about, speak to, and interact with the world around us should demonstrate a holy confidence in our Heavenly Father.

"As fears increase in the American church, we'll have the opportunity to resurrect a holy fear of God in our midst. As we suffer under the temporal judgment of God as weary sojourners, we may just find a stronger voice to warn others to flee from the wrath to come. As we sense the nearness of the day of retribution, we may speak once again with unction and holy disquiet."
Elliot Clark, Evangelism as Exiles

"Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:13-15

"In this world, Elwood, you must be oh so smart or oh so pleasant. Well, for years I was smart. I recommend pleasant. You may quote me." Harvey, (1950)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

- *Delighting in the Trinity, Reeves*
- *Turning Points, Noll*
- *The Upside Down Kingdom, Castaldo*
- *Evangelism as Exiles, Clark*

FOR DISCUSSION:

- How does Jehoshaphat's response to the crisis differ from more typical reactions we might expect? What can we learn from his example?
- Jehoshaphat expressed his trust in God despite the looming threat (v. 12). What are some practical ways we can demonstrate trust in God during our own struggles or uncertainties?
- How can we remind ourselves and others of God's past faithfulness in our lives, as Jehoshaphat did?

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THAT WAS THEN,

THIS IS NOW



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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship and Classes
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Contemporary Worship and Classes
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

Ways to Give.

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Get to Know.



Mike Dority

ELDER ON THE WORSHIP TEAM

Mike came to know Christ as a child through the influence of scripture and family devotions in his home. He first attended East Cooper in 1990 before moving away for a time and returned in 2010. Currently, Mike serves in the orchestra. He enjoys taking a boat ride in his free time.

Leadership.

We ask that members of East Cooper give input in selecting leadership. Read and pray over the definitions and scripture below. If someone comes to mind who meets these qualifications, please complete the form to nominate them for the role of elder or deacon.

Deacons

The word "deacon" means servant and came to be used by the church to designate a special position in the church. The diaconate, therefore, signifies a position of special Christian service. Both the Scripture and the dignity of the office demand a person of the highest spiritual, moral, and practical qualifications. The qualifications are listed in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and are similar to those for elders with the exception of "able to teach."

Elders

Elders (also translated as "overseers") are responsible for overseeing their local church. Their primary duties include leading, teaching, praying and shepherding the people. The Bible lays out clear qualifications for elders in 1 Timothy 3:1-10 and Titus 1:6-9. These qualifications are living above reproach, faithful to his wife, self-controlled temperament, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, free from addictions, not pugnacious, uncontentious, free from the love of money, manages his household well, not a new convert, gives generously to his church, has a good reputation with outsiders, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, loves what is good, just, devout, and one who holds fast the faithful word.

Nominate

To nominate digitally, scan the QR code below, fill out, and submit.

DEACON
NOMINATION
FORM



ELDER
NOMINATION
FORM



Nominations close on October 13



NORTH AFRICA

Ella will be partnering with a church planting team in North Africa, while also teaching English to local women.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That the Lord would provide strong friendships with nonbelievers and that they would come to Christ.
- For language and cultural acquisition so that she can connect with locals and love them well.
- For faithful obedience and reliance upon the Lord.

GLOBAL IMPACT CONFERENCE

Join us **November 15-17** for the Global Impact Conference. This is a time when we, as a church, focus on Christ's Great Commission, to make disciples of all nations, and the need for more laborers around the world.

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Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date	\$ 959,799	(fiscal year:
Budget Required	\$ 1,008,600	August 1, 2024-July 31, 2025)

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10.6.24

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