

# The Right Hand

*Staying on Track: Guidance (2 Chron 20:1-30)*

The second constituent topic within the third subsection (“Staying on Track”) of this superb LifeGuide Bible Studies booklet (*Christian Disciplines*) I am reviewing is entitled “Guidance” (see headline above). “Staying on track” is staying connected to the Lord (see Psalm 128:1).

Everyone needs guidance. Even the Pope has his counselors! (It is not widely known, but popes depend heavily on their College of Cardinals.) Even heads of state and governors are surrounded by advisors. Everyone, high or low, needs and should seek guidance consistently.

The truth is none of us has ever seen our backsides directly! We rely on feedback from others, and hope that they always have our best interests at heart. I am greatly blessed in that I have two regular caregiver nurses, health professionals, and a caring spouse. I am blessed to be covered and guided by an array of caregivers, advisors, and friends.

I have had significant careers in three separate arenas: sales, education, and ministry. In every arena, I have depended heavily on my leaders and my colleagues. Even pastors need pastors! It has been said that “*No man (person) is an island,*” and truer words could not be spoken. No matter how smart or competent we may be, we all need guidance....

The Scripture narrative (2 Chronicles 20:1-30) is both fascinating and relevant. Here, King Jehoshaphat of Judah (870 – 845 B.C.) was imminently being threatened by advancing armies (Ukraine / Russia), and he had no solution of his own. Consulting with the Lord, he and his advisors discovered an unknown dynamic within the assailants that solved his crisis. (Will Zelensky et al discover the same thing?) We all need guidance!

*“May God keep us from complacency, and may we press on to know Him more deeply and obey Him more fully.”* More next week! In Deo speramus.

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P.S. May I commend Proverbs 3:5-6 to you? It has been a watchword for me since childhood!