



JEHOSHAPHAT — *The Blessing of Being Outnumbered*

Underdogs, Part 4

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THE STORY OF JEHOSHAPHAT: Tips On Making

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2 Chronicles 20:3–4

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2. Understand the “Gathering & Synergy” connection.
 - Notice: A word from God infuses courage so wait, watch, even expect.

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2 Chronicles 20:15–17

3. Engrave this in our brains: God's Got Outcomes!

- “Eyes on You” — this is our part, the part we DO have control over!

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2 Chronicles 20:21–22

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