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comfort and freedom in Jesus Christ

**“How to Fight Your Battle” by Gerord Robinson**

One of our friends inside, Gerord Robinson, publishes a monthly newsletter entitled, “The Way The Truth The Life.” His newsletter is rooted in the beautiful words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ found in the gospel of John. We read, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” (John 14:6, New King James Version). The August edition of “The Way The Truth The Life” featured an excellent article written by our brother Gerord called, “How to Fight Your Battle.” It is our honor and privilege to share this with you all. We have included the biblical text that goes along with the article.

2 Chronicles 20:1-22 (NKJV)

It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, “A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar” (which is En Gedi). And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, and said: “O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, ‘If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.’ And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them—here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit. O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.”

Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD. Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s. Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.”

And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high.

So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; Believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever."

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

### "How to Fight Your Battle"

I want to talk about fighting battles. We all have battles. Life itself is a battle. Some have battles of addiction, some have battles of depression, some have battles with their health. No matter what the battle may be in your life, the question is how do you fight? What do you do when people and things are coming up against you and you are surrounded with many issues? How do you fight?

2 Chronicles 20:1-22 gives us the blueprint on how to fight our battles. One critical thing to know is that the battle is not ours, it's the Lord's. God says HE fights our battles (vs.15). Once we truly grasp that very fact, we will win every battle we face. We tend to want to fight the battles in our life with our own strength using physical weapons and that's how we lose every time. Because we are in a spiritual war and Satan is the enemy. We are not strong enough on our own to resist Satan's temptations and tactics. We need to use spiritual weapons.

Now, we see here in 2 Chronicles 20, that three nations came up against King Jehoshaphat for battle – a great number of them – and the King was afraid. Just like I was afraid when Multiple Sclerosis came up against me. The King knew he was not strong enough to face them nor did he lean on his own understanding. He sought the LORD, proclaimed a fast, and prayed.

PRAYER is a weapon. Prayer connects us intimately with God in a spirit of trust and dependence. It's a calling out to God to act on His promises. He wants us to call on Him. We have to invite Him into our situation because it will be letting Him know we need Him and that we are incapable of doing it alone. As we continue to read in the chapter, the King used other spiritual weapons that would ultimately help him be victorious over the battle that I want to talk about. After the King prayed, God sent His word (vs. 14-15).

THE WORD OF GOD is a weapon. The word of God gives you direction and instruction. It will accomplish what it set out to do. The King stood on God's word. We have to stand on God's word. HE is faithful, HE watches over HIS word to perform it. After the King heard the word of the LORD, he praised and worshiped HIM.

PRAISE & WORSHIP is a weapon. Praise/worship is the recognition of God for who He is, what He has done, and what we are trusting Him to do. When we are willing to bow down before God, we are positioning ourselves to win any battle we face.

PRAYER, THE WORD OF GOD, & PRAISE/WORSHIP are powerful weapons to fight your battle. King Jehoshaphat gives us the blueprint on how to fight. But that blueprint and those spiritual weapons are ONLY available for those who have a relationship with Him. The Lord is with those who are with Him (2 Chronicles 15:2-7). HE fights for those who are His. So, WE FIGHT WITH THE LORD ON OUR SIDE. No matter how great the battle may seem or look like, we will be victorious!

## Blessing

"The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

(Numbers 6:24-26; Romans 15:13 NIV)