

True Strength
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Matthew 6:33, *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

2 Chronicles 20:7, *Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? 8 They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, 9 ‘If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.’*

Faith Definition:

Faith is choosing to live as if God’s Word is true regardless of circumstances, emotions, and cultural trends.

2 Chronicles 20:10, *“But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. 11 See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. 12 Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”*

2 Chronicles 20:13, All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord. **14** Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly. **15** He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. **16** Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. **17** You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.'"

Psalms 46:1, God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. **2** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, **3** though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. **4** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. **5** God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. **6** Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. **7** The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. **8** Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. **9** He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. **10** He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." **11** The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

2 Chronicles 20:18, Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord. **19** Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. **20** Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful." **21** After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."

2 Chronicles 20:22, As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. **23** The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. **24** When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped.

2 Chronicles 20:12, ...We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."