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The Way Maker: God, Won't You Stop Them?

- **God's Active Love For His People**

2 Chronicles 20:2-3 - *Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army from Edom is marching against you from beyond the Dead Sea. They are already at Hazazon-tamar." (This was another name for En-gedi.)*³ *Jehoshaphat was terrified by this news and begged the Lord for guidance. He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting.*

- **Jehoshaphat Knew How To Deal With Fear**

2 Chronicles 20:5-6 - *Jehoshaphat stood before the community of Judah and Jerusalem in front of the new courtyard at the Temple of the Lord.*⁶ *He prayed, "O Lord, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you!"*

- **Confidence In God's Rule And Past Deliverances**

2 Chronicles 20:12 - *"...God, won't you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help."*

- **The Peoples Prayer Carries Trust And Humility**
- **Our Confidence Is In God's Faithfulness**

2 Chronicles 20:15-17 - *He said, "Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's."*¹⁶ *Tomorrow, march out against them. You will find them coming up through the ascent of Ziz at the end of the valley that opens into the wilderness of Jeruel.*¹⁷ *But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the Lord's victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for the Lord is with you!"*

- **The Presence And Power Of God Will Bring The Victory**

2 Chronicles 20:20-21 - *Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, "Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed."*²¹ *After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: "Give thanks to the Lord; his faithful love endures forever!"*

- **As The Army Begins To Sing And Praise, The Enemy Is Defeated**
- **Yahweh God Demonstrated That He Rules The Nations**