

# IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE



*We are powerless before this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You.” 2 Chronicles 20:12-17 (NASB)*

We prayed earnestly before we made a trip asking the Lord to protect us from any evil that may befall us. We asked God to be a hedge of fire around us and make us a hedge of fire. During the trip, we encountered people who claimed to know God but secretly dealt in witchcraft. We arrived safely but had a lot of turmoil trying to accomplish the purpose of the trip. We parked our car in plain sight and always worried that our tyres would be slashed during the night or that someone would intentionally put us in harms way. After accomplishing our task we returned happily excited that our trip had gone on without much scuffle. On arrival we found that someone had intentionally placed three nails in one of our tyres hoping it would give away during our travel. We overheard someone complaining that our prayer was hindering their purposes. Infact one person complained to us that we were like a wall of fire! Only God could have protected us from immense danger.

King Jehoshaphat found himself in such a predicament. A formidable alliance of enemies-Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites converged upon the Kingdom of Judah, threatening to subdue them. The king and his subjects were gripped in fear. Yet, in the midst of this crisis, he demonstrated profound trust in God. First, he acknowledged their power-

lessness as humans. “We are powerless before this great multitude...” Jehoshaphat’s admission echoes the human condition. We encounter situations that overwhelm us—circumstances beyond our control, adversaries too mighty, and challenges too daunting. Our strength wanes, and our wisdom falters. But in our weakness, we have an invitation to turn our gaze upward. This stand of humility enables us to lean into the word of God in James, where He gives grace to the humble.

**Second**, he fixed his eyes on God. “... **but our eyes are on You.**” Jehoshaphat’s response was not despair or frantic strategizing. Instead, he fixed his eyes on the Almighty. He remembered God’s sovereignty over all kingdoms and His power to prevail. When we lift our eyes from our limitations and fix them on the One who holds the universe, our perspective shifts. We recognize that battles are not ours alone—they belong to the Lord. When our eyes are on the Lord we should rely on God to guide us on strategy and to give us victory. And the Lord responded with these words of encouragement. “The battle is not yours but God’s.” The battle was not a mere human endeavor; it was a divine intervention. Jehoshaphat received clear instructions: “Take your position, stand,

and watch the salvation of the Lord.”  
The same assurance echoes in our lives today. When we surrender our battles to God, victory becomes His responsibility. In our battles—whether personal, relational, or spiritual—may we echo Jehoshaphat’s cry: “Our eyes are on You.” When we feel powerless, let us remember that the battle belongs to the Lord. As we fix our gaze on Him, courage wells up within us. The same God who fought for Judah stands ready to fight for us. So, let us step forward, knowing that victory is assured—not by our strength, but by His grace.

**Prayer response:** Lord, thank you that I belong to you and that I can trust you in my struggles. In this battle, I choose to lift my eyes to you the One who saves. Guide me and bring me to a place of complete victory. In Jesus’ name. Amen

