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# A WORD FOR THE NEW YEAR



2 Chronicles 20

1. Share what God has done in my own life over this past year.

2. Share a word on how God wants us to enter into the New Year.



Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told them  
a parable about their  
need to pray always  
and to not grow  
weary or give up.

## 2. Protection over our Children

1 John 5:14

This is the confidence  
we have in approaching  
God: that if we ask  
anything according to  
His will, He hears us.

3. Delivered me from  
fear I didn't realize I  
was holding onto.

## Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## 2 Chronicles 20:2-4

Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazazon Tamar” (that is, En Gedî)

Alarmed Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek Him.

# Why do we fast?

# 1. Guidance and Direction

James 1:5

If you need wisdom, ask  
our generous God and  
He will give it to you.

## 2. Get closer to God

James 4:8

Draw near to God  
and He will draw near  
to you.

### 3. Breakthrough when you are waiting for God to move.

2 Corinthians 10:4

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 Chronicles 20:15-18

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.”

“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 Jerue. 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.”

Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord.

## 2 Chronicles 20:20-21

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.”

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 20:22-24

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. 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.

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.

# How did Jehoshaphat head into battle?

1. He fasted and prayed.
2. He started praising God in advance for what he would do.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Rejoice always, pray  
without ceasing, give  
thanks in all  
circumstances; for this  
is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus for you.

1. Pray about fasting  
this year.

2. Praise God for 3  
things He's done this  
year.

( Setting a foundation  
of praise.)

3. What do you want  
to pray for and praise  
God for in advance?

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