

2 Chronicles 20, part 3 "Step out in Faith; Sing out in Thanks"  
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*(Psalms 37:23) The steps of the godly are directed by the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives.*

*(Psalms 34:8) Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who trust in him!*

*(2 Chronicles 20:17) You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.”*

- **CF – everyday you are in a SPIRITUAL battle**

**2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (NLT) We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons...**

*(Ephesians 6:11-12, NLT) Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil. For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.*

*(2 Chronicles 20:18) Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD.*

- **Put on the armor of humility**
- **Leaders/parents – set a humble example (people are watching)**

*(2 Chronicles 20:19) Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.*

- **Put on the armor of worship and thanks**

*(2 Chronicles 20:20) 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.”*

- **Put on the armor of faith**

**Hebrews 11:1 (TLB) What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.**

- **Faith = complete confidence that God will do what He said (promised)**

*(Romans 10:17) Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*

- **Faith comes from believing God and His Word**

*(Psalms 19:7-8, NLT) The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight to life.*

- Faith must be exercised or tested to grow
- Put on the armor of **active** faith - obedience

**Joshua 1:8 (NLT)** Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

*(2 Chronicles 20:21) After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendour of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."*

- Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever
- Homework: Psalm 136

*(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.*

*(Revelation 4:11, NLT) "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created."*

*(2 Chronicles 20:23-24) The men of Ammon and Moab 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 towards the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no-one had escaped.*

- We can always trust God's Word

#### Underground tunnel exposing the Western Wall in Jerusalem



**Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him **must believe** that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

*(Ephesians 2:8-9) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no-one can boast.*

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation. TLB = The Living Bible.