

## ***The Resolution that Leads to Abundant Life***

- **Day One** — Read **Joshua 24:14-24**

What are you as an individual or as a family currently pursuing most in your life? What does ‘serving’ the Lord look like as an individual or as a family in your context? How have you seen the blessing of God in your life as you have sought Him above all else?

**Pray** and ask God to realign your heart and life to what is most important.

- **Day Two** — Read **Jeremiah 29:11-14, Psalm 63, Hebrews 11:6**

What do these scriptures highlight about the *nature* of seeking? How would you describe your current *seeking* habits? How can a hunger for God grow in your life?

**Pray** and ask God to increase a desire for His word and for time in His presence. Ask Him to reveal areas in your life that need to be let go of so that you can more passionately seek after Him.

- **Day Three** — Read **2 Chronicles 15:12, Hebrews 10:19-25**

Are there people in your life that you are in covenant with where your primary purpose is to seek God together? How can the Spirit take your current relationships deeper in to the realms of seeking after Him? Is there someone in your life that you know you are to invite into your life group or home so that they can experience the riches of kingdom community? Consider praying with friends or family this week beyond the ‘blessing’ for a meal.

**Pray** and ask God to give you courage to take tangible steps in seeing your relationship go deeper in Him.

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### **“A New Resolution”**

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

#### ***Their Reality...Our Reality...We Are In a Battle***

**2 Chronicles 20:2** (NIV) <sup>2</sup>Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you...”

**1 Peter 5:8–9** (NIV) <sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. Ephesians 2:1-2

**Ephesians 6:12** (NIV) <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. John 10:10, 1 John 5:19

#### ***Their Resolution...Our Resolution***

**2 Chronicles 15:12** (NIV) <sup>12</sup> They entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul.

**2 Chronicles 20:2-4** (NIV) <sup>3</sup> Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. <sup>4</sup> The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

**Jeremiah 29:13** (NIV) <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Matthew 6:33 Proverbs 3:5-6

## ***A Paradigm for Life & Prayer in the Kingdom of God***

### **Declaration**

**2 Chronicles 20:5-6** (NIV)<sup>5</sup> Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard<sup>6</sup> and said: “Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.

### **Remembrance & Standing on the Promises**

**2 Chronicles 20:7-9** (NIV)<sup>7</sup> 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?<sup>8</sup> They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying,<sup>9</sup> ‘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.’

### **The Request**

**2 Chronicles 20:10-11** (NIV)<sup>10</sup> “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.<sup>11</sup> See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance.

### **The Resolution (THE WHOLE FAMILY)**

**2 Chronicles 20:12–13** (NIV)<sup>12</sup> 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.”<sup>13</sup> All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord.

## **The Answer**

**2 Chronicles 20:14-15, 17** (NIV)<sup>14</sup> Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel...a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.<sup>15</sup> 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...<sup>17</sup> 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.’ ”

### **Praise BEFORE & AFTER the Victory**

**2 Chronicles 20:18, 20-22, 27-28** (NIV)<sup>18</sup> Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord.<sup>20</sup> Early in the morning...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.”<sup>21</sup> ...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.”<sup>22</sup> 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...<sup>27</sup> Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies.<sup>28</sup> They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the Lord with harps and lyres and trumpets.

**Psalms 44:5–7** (NIV)<sup>5</sup> Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes.<sup>6</sup> I put no trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory;<sup>7</sup> but you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame.

Isaiah 54:17, Ephesians 6:10-18, 2 Corinthians 2:14; 10:3-5