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After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat. ²Some 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 Hazezon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). ³Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah.

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⁴The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

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¹⁵ 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.

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¹⁷ 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."
¹⁸ Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD.

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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."

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²¹After 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.”

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²²As 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. ²³The 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.

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²⁵So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it.

PRAISE AS A WEAPON

WHAT IS PRAISE?

Hebrew: "*Hallelu Yah*"

WHAT IS PRAISE?

1. Praise is a commandment.

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- ¹ Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
- ² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
- ³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre
- ⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

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- ⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.
 - ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
- Praise the LORD.

1 PETER 2:9

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

WHAT IS PRAISE?

- 1. Praise is a commandment.
- 2. Praise is concentrated.

WHAT IS PRAISE?

*Praise is:
A preoccupation with who
God is, what He has done
and what He is going to do.*

WHAT IS PRAISE?

- 1. Praise is a commandment.
- 2. Praise is concentrated.
- 3. Praise changes your focus.

WHAT IS PRAISE?

*The basic posture of a
Christian is not
"Bless me, Lord," but rather
I will bless the Lord.*

WHAT IS PRAISE?

1. Praise is a commandment.
2. Praise is concentrated.
3. Praise changes your focus.
4. Praise is costly.

WHAT PRAISE IS NOT?

1. Praise is not demanding.
2. Praise is not a song list.
3. Praise is not a feeling.

WHAT IS PRAISE?

*Praise is not an activity,
It's an attitude.*

ACTS 16

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.
²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.
