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## *Fighting the battles in our day to day lives*

### **2 Chronicles 20:15 & 17**

“And he said, ‘Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's ... You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.’” (NKJV)

“On Sunday, believers arrived at a house church in the Soviet Union in small groups throughout the day so not to arouse the suspicion of KGB informers. They began by singing a hymn quietly. Suddenly, in walked two soldiers with loaded weapons at the ready. One shouted, "If you wish to renounce your commitment to Jesus Christ, leave now!" Two or three quickly left, then another. After a few more seconds, two more. "This is your last chance. Either turn against your faith in Christ," he ordered, "or stay and suffer the consequences." Two more slipped out into the night. No one else moved. Parents with children trembling beside them looked down reassuringly, fully expecting to be gunned down or imprisoned. The other soldier closed the door, looked back at those who stood against the wall and said, "Keep your hands up—but this time in praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. We, too, are Christians. We were sent to another house church several weeks ago to arrest a group of believers." The other soldier interrupted, "But, instead, we were converted! We have learned by experience, however, that unless people are willing to die for their faith, they cannot be fully trusted.” from *Living Above the Level of Mediocrity* by Chuck Swindoll

Many of us can relate to our own, individual, daily battles which leaves us feeling like we are imprisoned by situations of debt, situations of financial and employment uncertainty, imprisoned by our health, and many feel like they are waiting to be gunned down in defeat. Yet, we often miss the promise from the verse above – that we need not engage in constant combat rather that God will fight for us. He will enter the battle and ensure our victory. As the believers in the story above chose to “position themselves” by believing, standing still, and fearing not what would come in their earthly lives, God entered the confrontation and victory was ensured.

As we fight our day to day battles, we need to position ourselves in faith and trust that the battle will be waged for us by God. As we learn to be still, we will watch God move through the battle, ensuring triumph from the perils of this life, as He, our Lord, is always with us.

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### **Point of Prayer**

In what areas do you need to be still and position yourself for God to move? How can you let go of fear and know that God is with you?