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WEEK 5 | BORN FOR ADVERSITY

## PRAYER

Thank you, God, for FAMILY and your design for us to not walk alone, but to walk in relationship with others. Thank you that we are loved and can love others through the love you pour on us. In Jesus' name, Amen!

## WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

What is your favourite family from a TV show, movie, or book, and why do you like that family?

## NOTES

## WORD

<sup>13</sup> Meanwhile all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. <sup>14</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. <sup>15</sup> And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours, but God's. <sup>16</sup> Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup> You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you."

[2 Chronicles 20:13-17 \(ESV\)](#)

The context of this scripture has Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, facing opposition from neighbouring nations who are headed towards his nation of rule to defeat them. He gathers everyone in Judah to seek God together in prayer, and as he does, Jahaziel begins to declare God's promise to them. They go out, and without any effort, the enemies fight each other to death, leaving Jehoshaphat and all of Judah to plunder the leftover wealth and celebrate victoriously.

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = never, 10 = always), how do you rate your preparedness for when hard times strike?  
Why do you rate your ability this way?
2. All of Judah gathered together to seek God. Wives, husbands and children. When it comes to family, how easy or difficult would it be for you to gather them to seek God? Why do think that is?
3. "Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf" What would this look like in your life when you face hard opposition and trials?

4. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you." Do you believe that the Lord will be with you as you go out? Why/why not?
5. What areas in your life would you like to see God move on yours and your family's behalf?

## PRAYER LIST