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# **Seven Days of Hope!**

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# PROLOGUE

Welcome to a week of reflection, renewal, and unwavering faith. As you open the pages of this seven-day devotional, you embark on a spiritual journey designed to deepen your relationship with God and illuminate the boundless possibilities that faith can bring into your life.

Each day, we will explore a different dimension of God's infinite power and love, discovering how, with Him, all things are possible. These pages are filled not only with scripture and prayer but also with stories of those who have experienced the transformative power of faith in their lives.

This devotional is a testament to the strength we find when we trust in the Lord. It is a reminder that no matter the obstacles we face, God's grace is sufficient to carry us through. Our hope is that by the end of this week, your spirit will be uplifted, your faith strengthened, and your heart assured that with God, nothing is beyond reach.

Let each day's reading be a stepping stone, each prayer a bridge, drawing you closer to the divine and the realization of God's immense possibilities for your life. As you turn these pages, may you feel the presence of God walking beside you, guiding your path and expanding your horizons.

Prepare your heart and mind to be renewed, for in faith, there is hope, and in God, all is possible. Welcome to your seven-day journey of faith.

Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the Lord gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

1 Chronicles 22:13



# DAY ONE

*1 Chronicles 22:13*

**T**hen you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the Lord gave to Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

## **Prayer**

Help me today to believe that you are with me just like you were with Joshua. Your strength and your wisdom will give me the courage to move ahead and have the hope to face any situation in my life. My hope is in you.

*Thank you, Father.  
Amen*

**DAVID SAID TO SOLOMON HIS SON,  
BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS, AND DO IT.  
DON'T BE AFRAID, NOR BE DISMAYED;  
FOR THE LORD GOD, EVEN MY GOD, IS WITH YOU.  
HE WILL NOT FAIL YOU,  
NOR FORSAKE YOU,  
UNTIL ALL THE WORK FOR THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S HOUSE IS FINISHED.**  
**1 CHRONICLES 28:20**



# DAY TWO

*I Chronicles 28:20*

**D**avid also said to Solomon his son, Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the temple of the Lord is finished.

## **Prayer**

My hope is in you to help me complete the tasks of the day. Whatever I NEED TO FINISH I believe you will help me to do it. I must always trust you, as I do what I have begun, whether it is at work, at church, with friends or the family.

Thank you for hope of your encouragement.

*Amen*

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.

2 Chronicles 20:15





# DAY THREE

*II Chronicles 20:15*

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## **Prayer**

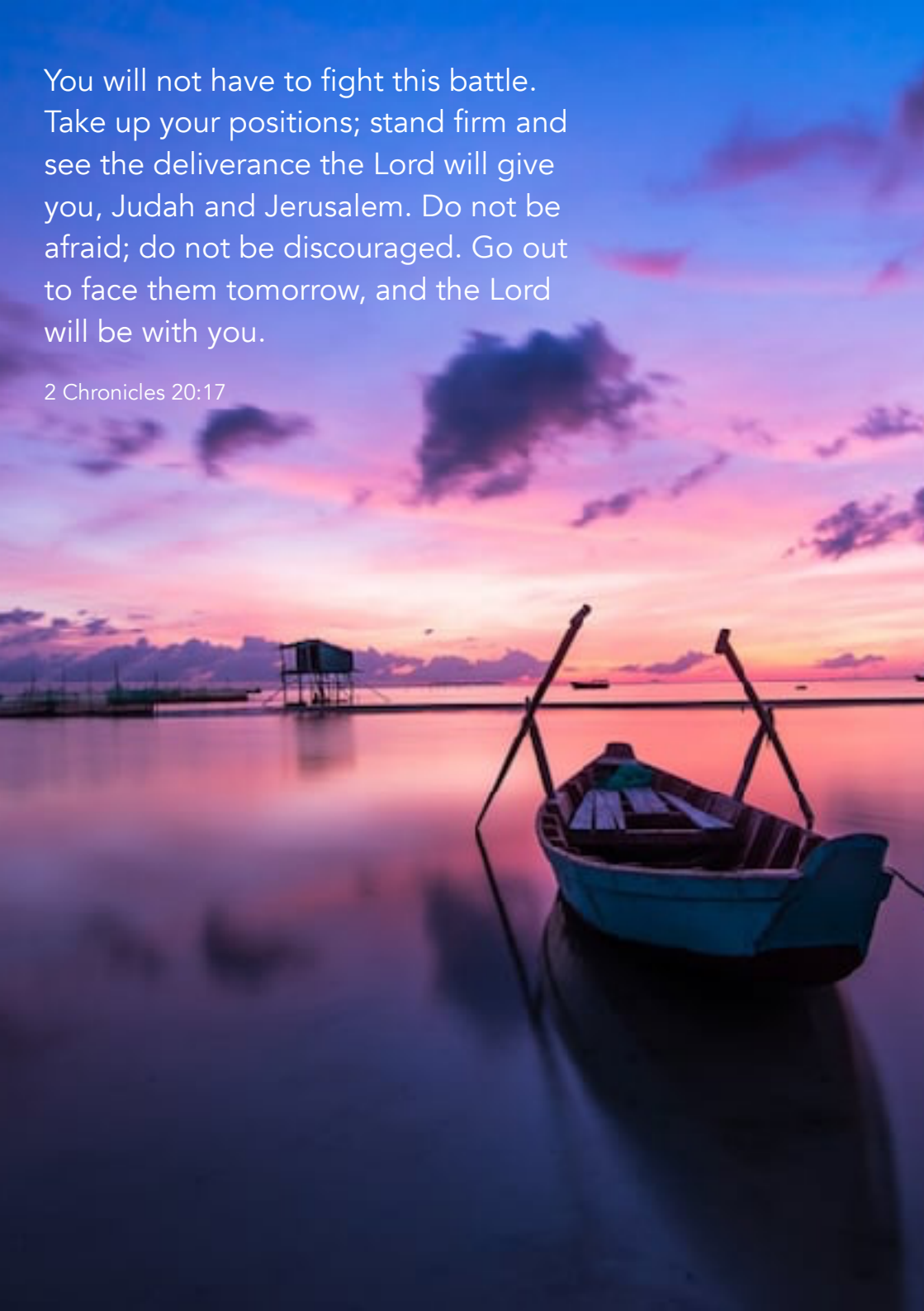
Thank you Lord for reminding me that what I face in my daily tasks, regardless of how impossible the solution may look, you will help me. The battle is not mine.

My hope is in you and you will give me the answers that are needed.

*Amen*

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.

2 Chronicles 20:17



# DAY FOUR

*II Chronicles 20:17*

**Y**ou 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.

## **Prayer**

I will listen to your instruction but will go forward in my life. I will put my best foot forward standing firm on your promises. The enemy may try to knock me down with any overwhelming circumstance but you Oh Lord, give me hope to see the victory through your ways and not mine.

*Amen*

Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be afraid or  
discouraged because of the  
king of Assyria and the vast  
army with him, for there is a  
greater power with us than  
with him.

2 Chronicles 32:7



# DAY FIVE

*II Chronicles 32:7*

**B**e strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him.

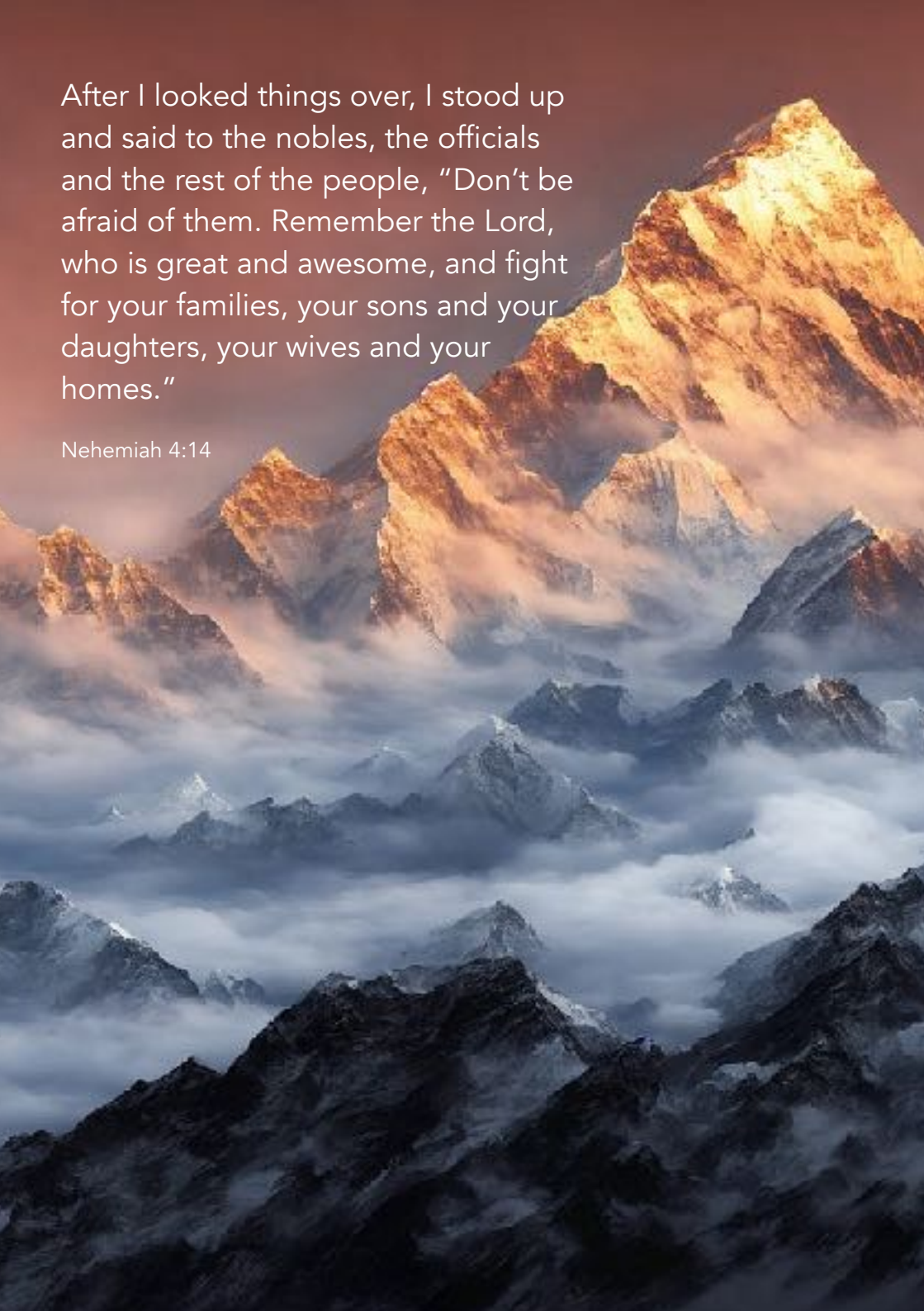
## **Prayer**

Lord, help my unbelief as I look at the storm in front of me. It seems so big. There are too many who oppose me. I need you to help me face this with your angelic warriors. For through the Holy Spirit I will see you move, not by what I am looking at through my own eyes.

I believe and trust you.  
Amen

After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

Nehemiah 4:14



# DAY SIX

*Nehemiah 4:14*

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## **Prayer**

Thank you Lord for opening my eyes to see what is important. You have given me my family, my friends. I am grateful to remember how important they are in your sight. When I pray and fight for them through you, all battles will be won because of your love for me.

As long as I have breath, my hope is in you.

*Amen*





You will be protected from the  
lash of the tongue, and need not  
fear when destruction comes.

Job 5:21



# DAY SEVEN

*Job 5:21*

**Y**ou will be protected from the lash of the tongue, and need not fear when destruction comes.

## **Prayer**

Thank you Father for the assurance that you are always with me even to the end. Truly, your love and help guide me daily.

I love you Lord.

*Amen*



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# ABOUT THE AUTHORS

## *Chris & Kathy Swift*

Chris and Kathy Swift serve as Superintendent of Western Europe region for the Church of God World Missions. Born in the United States, Chris spent much of his youth abroad, immersing himself in a multitude of languages and cultures, a passion fueled by his father's career as an opera singer. Fluent in Dutch, French, and German, Chris also studied ancient and modern languages including Greek, Hebrew, Old English, Latin, Spanish, and Italian.

Rooted in a family with deep journalistic and military traditions, Chris initially followed these paths, serving in the military and exploring a career in writing. His life took a transformative turn while pursuing an M.A. in English when he experienced a profound spiritual awakening, leading him to embrace Christianity with fervent passion. His new-found faith marked a turning point, propelling him into religious service.

During his time in the military, Chris ministered under the "Freedom Outreach" program and was ordained as a bishop in the Church of God. He earned his Master of Divinity from the Pentecostal Seminary in Cleveland in 1985 and subsequently served as a military chaplain.

A divine vision during his graduate studies led him to teach at the European Bible Seminary in Germany, setting the stage for his later roles as a missionary and educational coordinator in the Netherlands, and ultimately as an overseer. His teaching stints at Lee University were interspersed with his missionary work, which expanded to include Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and France. Despite personal losses, such as the death of his first wife, Chris remained committed to his mission of developing church leaders across Western Europe.

In 2011, Chris's path crossed with Kathy, a widowed missionary from Africa. They married in 2012 following his appointment as Superintendent of the Church of God in Western Europe. Kathy, a skilled author, writer, motivational speaker, and minister, brings her own rich tapestry of experiences to their partnership. Together, they have, by the grace of God, over ten decades of ministerial experience, leading, inspiring, and equipping others in their faith journeys with unwavering dedication and zeal.

THERE IS ONLY  
*one God,*

AND HE MAKES  
PEOPLE RIGHT  
WITH HIMSELF

*only by faith*

ROMANS 3:30

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