# UNDAUNTED

In Shaky Times

#### It is God who does the shaking

#### Heb 12:25-29

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." 27 The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken-that is, created things-so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

## Be Undaunted

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be *undaunted*, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world. [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]

– Amplified



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#### Undaunted examples - Jehoshaphat

• Was facing 3 armies coming against Judah

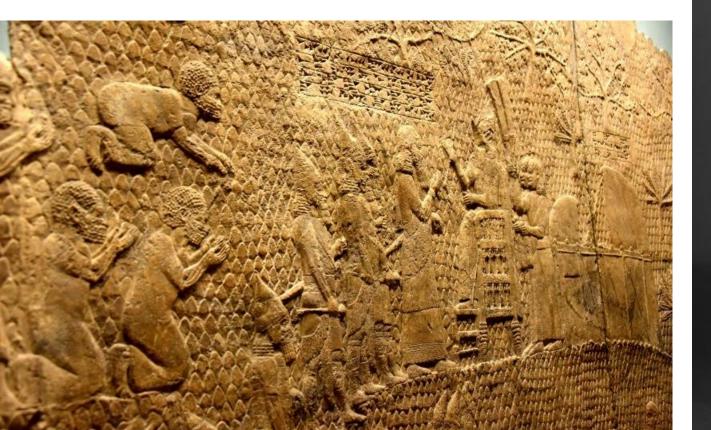
2 Chron 20:12 O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. <u>We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.</u>"

• God responds:

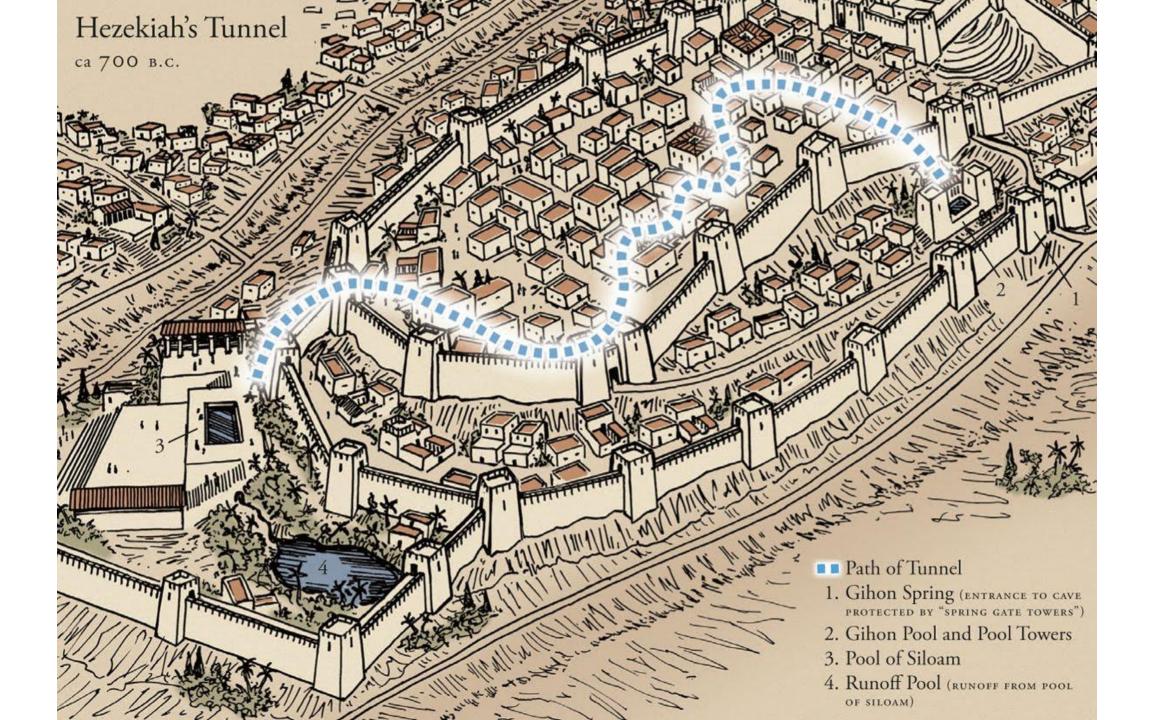
2 Chron 20:15-17 This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. ... 17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.'"

Undaunted examples -Hezekiah

• The Assyrian Army was coming against Judah







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2 Chron 32:7

"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 Kings 19:14-19

14 Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. <u>Then he went up to</u> <u>the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD</u>. 15 And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD: "O LORD, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 16 Give ear, O LORD, and hear; open your eyes, O LORD, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to insult the living God.

#### Undaunted examples - Hezekiah

2 Kings 19:32-36

"Therefore this is what the LORD says concerning the king of Assyria:

"He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow here.

He will not come before it with shield or build a siege ramp against it.

33 By the way that he came he will return; he will not enter this city, declares the LORD.

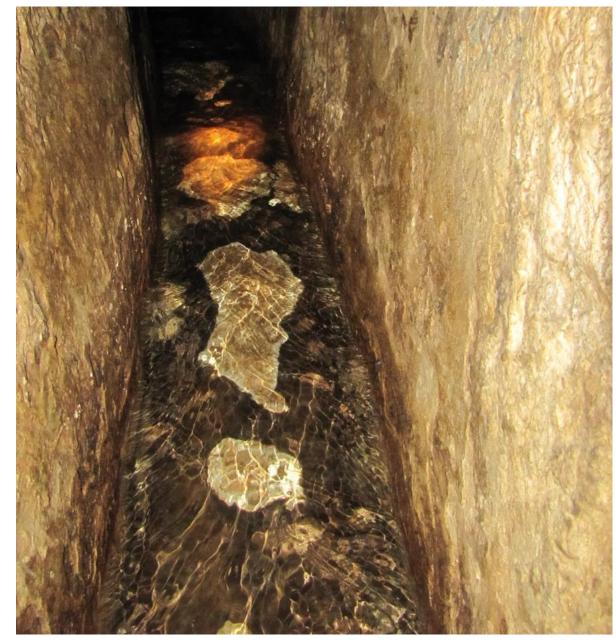
34 I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant."

35 <u>That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and</u> <u>eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp</u>. When the people got up the next morning-there were all the dead bodies! 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.









#### Undaunted Heroes

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#### Undaunted examples - Jesus

- Jesus didn't care what the crowds thought.
- He did not get caught up in what others had intended for him.
- His time to leave this earth was set by his Father, he was not fearful of what man could do.
- Jesus was undaunted, his best earthly friends were not.

Luke 9:51 – When the days drew near for him to be taken up, <u>he set his face</u> to go to Jerusalem.

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### Knowing Christ is the Prize

Phil 3:7-14

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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Phil 3:7-14

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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- 3. Jesus and his Kingdom are our destiny as believers. Nothing we do apart from that lasts or matters beyond this life.

#### **Action Points**

- 1. What is one concern or threat you are worrying about that you need to turn over to the Lord?
- 2. What is one temporary thing keeping you from setting your face on what God is calling you to do?
- 3. What is God calling you to do now, to become undaunted?