

Keep trusting God...

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. *Corrie Ten Boom*

Joshua 1: 1-9 The LORD's Charge to Joshua

1 After the death of Moses the LORD's servant, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. 3 I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— 4 from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' 5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

6 "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. 8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. 9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua has been Moses' deputy. Moses who had led the Israelites out of Egypt and through the Red Sea. Moses who had received the 10 commandments. Moses who had taught them to follow the God in the wilderness. Now Joshua was called to step out in faith. Like Abraham, like Moses, like Mary and Joseph, like the disciples after Jesus had ascended into Heaven, like Paul after his conversion. Joshua had no choice but to trust in God, he could not lead in the people in his own strength.

Song: Trust in the Lord with all your heart (John Hardwick - click to play)
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ARLHSHXgIY>)

Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.
Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
to be stronger than each storm within me.
I will trust in the darkness and know
that my times, even now, are in Your hand.
Tune my spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make my obedience count for You.
Amen

St Brendan the Navigator



In these times of great challenge and uncertainty, let's remind ourselves that God reigns supreme. He has the whole world in His hands.

May God's blessing surround us each day

As we trust him and walk in his way

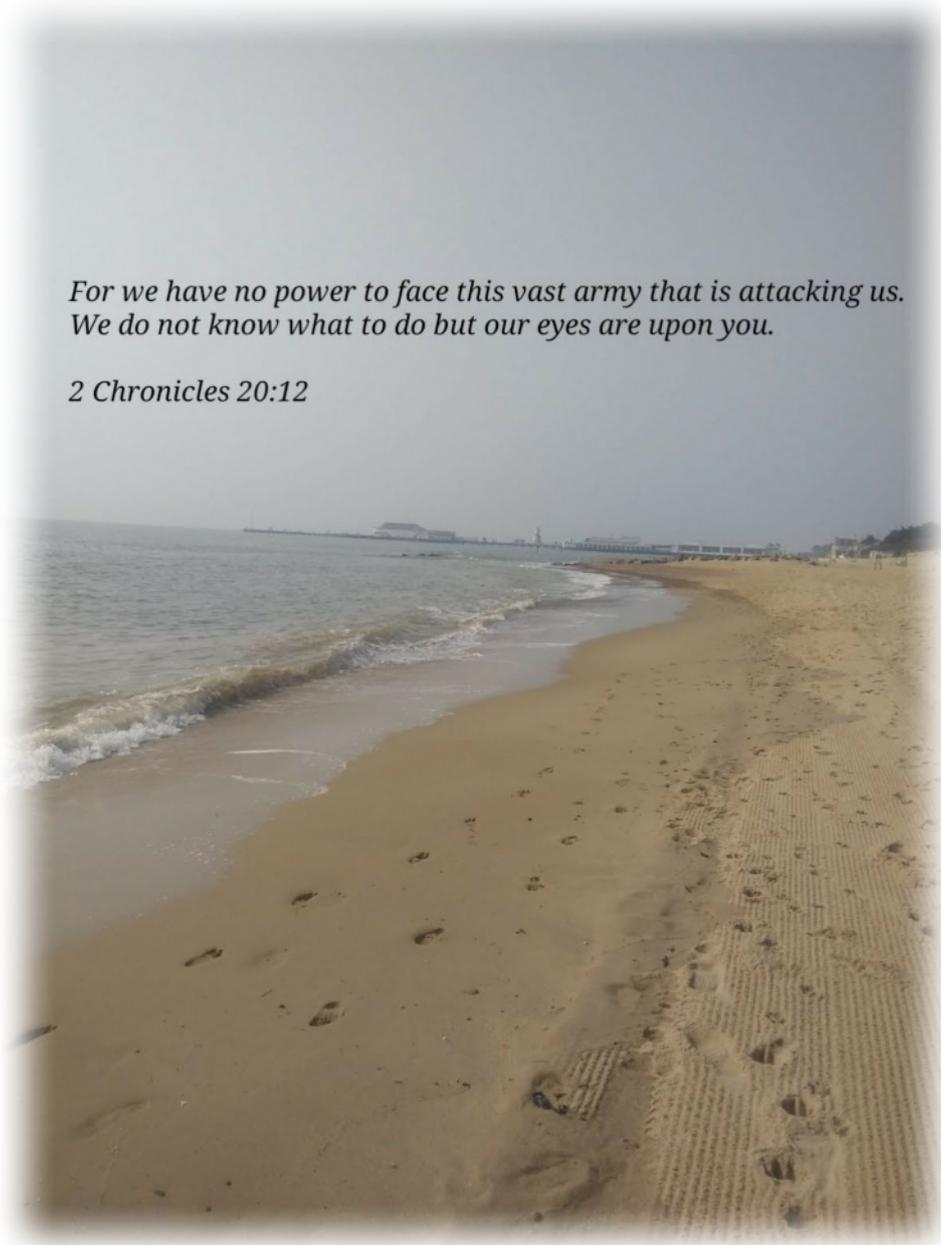
May his presence within

Guide and keep us from sin.

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

*For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us.
We do not know what to do but our eyes are upon you.*

2 Chronicles 20:12



Finally, some words from my Bible readings, Inspiring Women Every Day:

We cannot serve sacrificially through willpower alone: only God can give us what we need to serve those who need Him. What we need, therefore, is not necessarily courage, but the ability to trust that when we obey, he will show up and work all things together for His ultimate glory and good.

Lucy Rycroft