

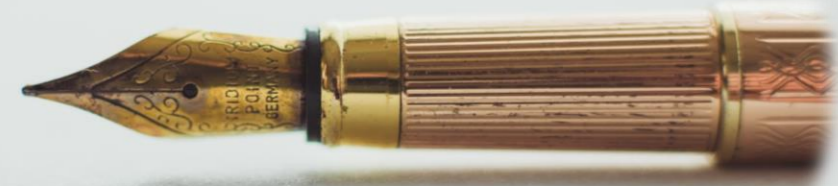
**PRAISE**  
before my  
**BREAKTHROUGH**



# **The Power of Your Story**

**John 4:39**

**“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony,  
“He told me everything I ever did”**

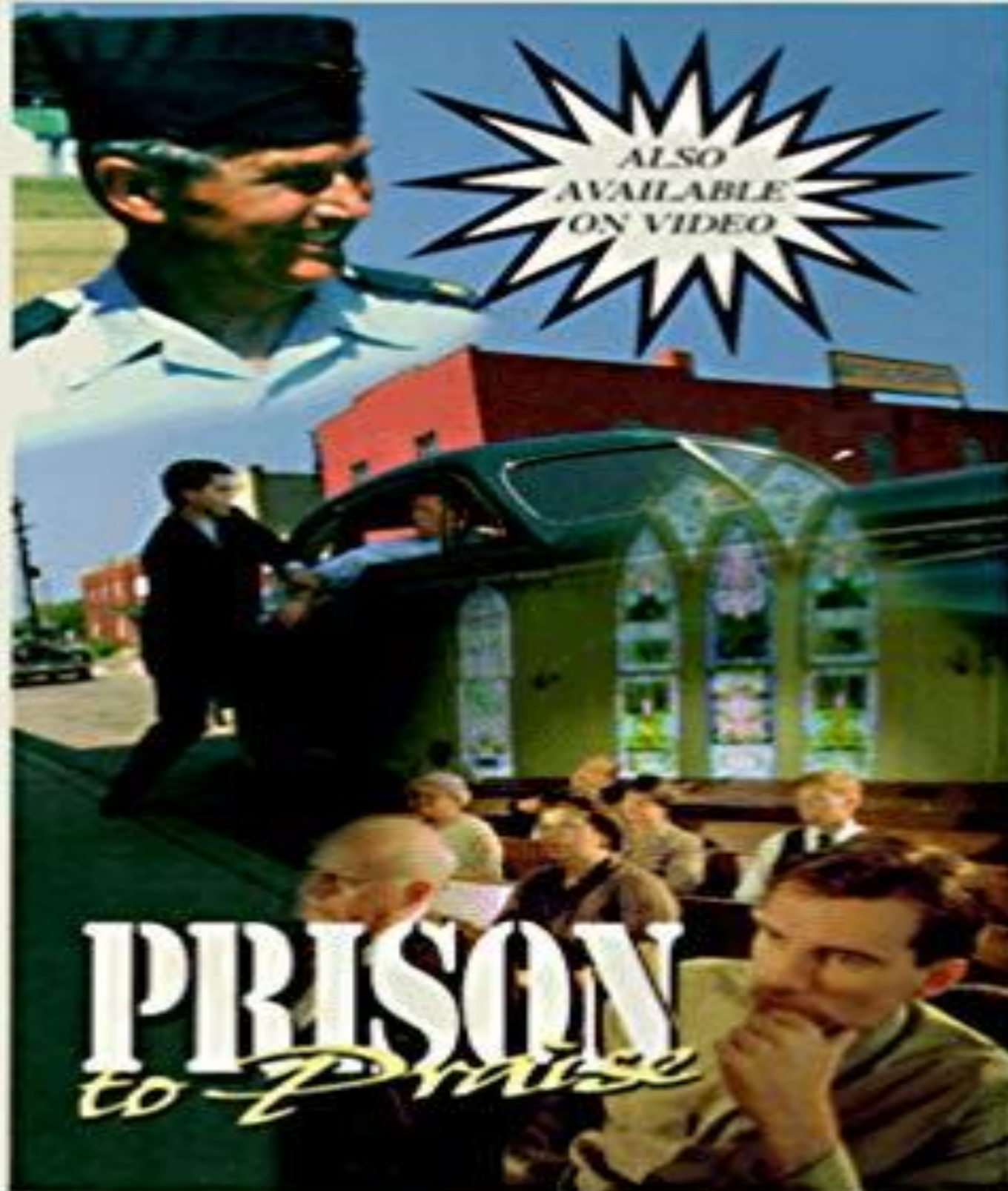


# JOURNEY

with my **HEALTH**



OVER 210 WEEKS NATIONAL BEST-SELLER

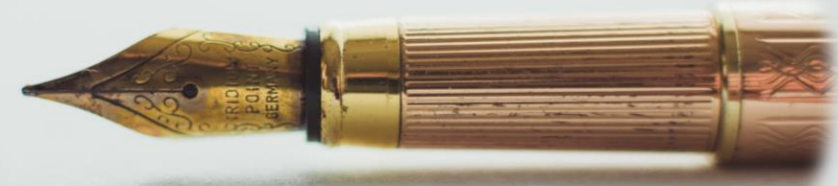


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**BOOK: PRISON TO PRAISE**

## 2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.



**We see the strength of God in the middle of  
our brokenness.**

**We witness the strength of God in the  
middle of our helplessness!**

**POWER of Worship**

**POWER of Thankfulness**

*Always* **WALK** in

**THANKSGIVING** and

**PRAISE**



**There is nothing like bringing songs of JOY  
when the enemy feels like he has you in a  
corner, when we come back with songs of  
FAITH, songs about the goodness of God!!**

**That is WARFARE!!**

**That is FAITH**

**When we worship, we lift our eyes of  
the TEMPORAL and focus them on  
the authority we have in the name of  
JESUS.**

**Worship will always lead you from  
**FEAR to LOVE** and entering in will  
always require faith.**

**From IMPOSSIBLE to the POSSIBLE**

# **PRAISE** before my **BREAKTHROUGH**

**PRAISE,** is about what God has done before  
and about what He has yet to do.

**We're not always living in it, quite yet but what  
we do with the space in between.**

**The waiting period.**

**WE WORSHIP, WE PRAISE!**

**Battle of Jericho**

**Paul and Silas**

**King Jehoshaphat Defeats Moab and Ammon**



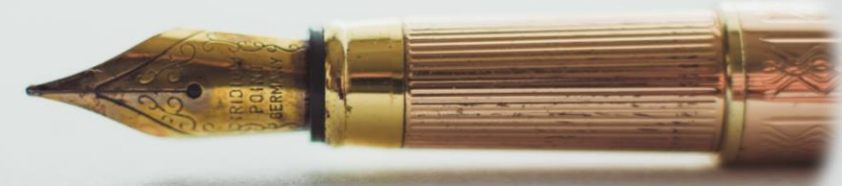
## **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)**

**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

**Thankfulness.**

**If it's going to be the foundation of  
your life, it needs to be the  
conversation of your life!**

**What comes out of your mouth?**



## Philippians 4:4-9 (TPT)

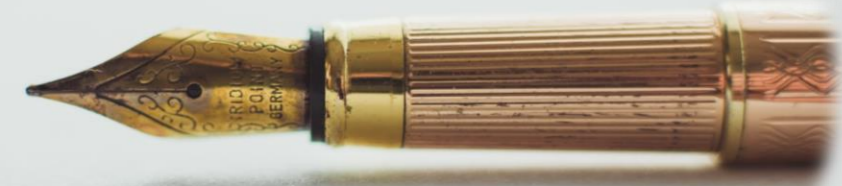
Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let joy overflow, *for you are united with the Anointed One!* Let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near.

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Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell him every detail of your life,

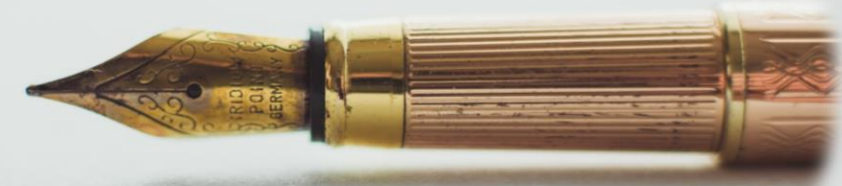






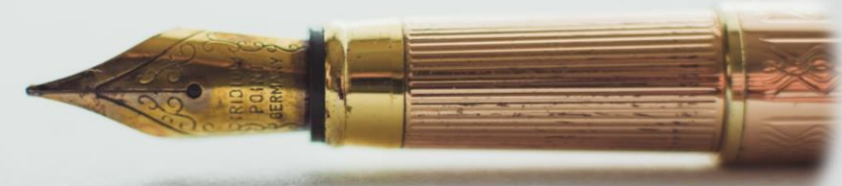
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then God's wonderful peace that transcends human understanding, will make the answers known to you through Jesus Christ.[h] 8 So keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and



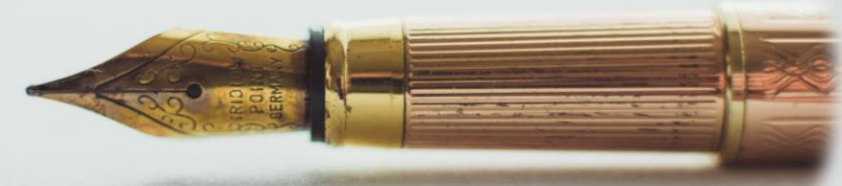
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respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising him always. *Follow the example* of all that we have imparted to you and the God of peace will be with you in all things.



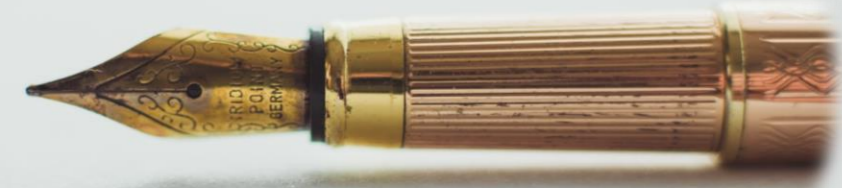
## 2 Chronicles 20:15-30

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.’



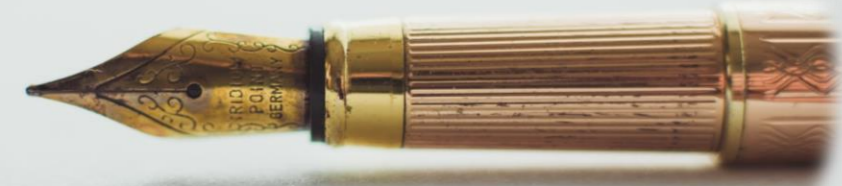
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Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. You will not have to fight this battle.



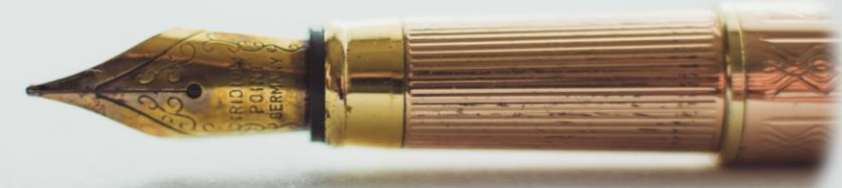
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Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.”



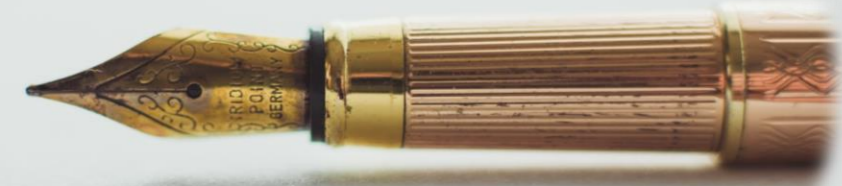
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Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord. Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.



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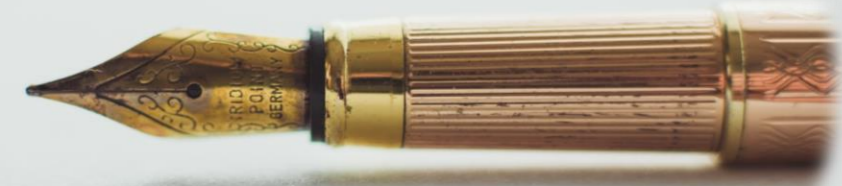
Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.”



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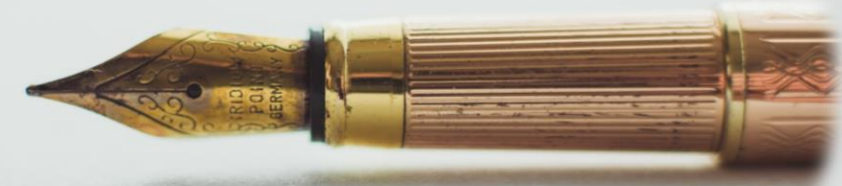
After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:





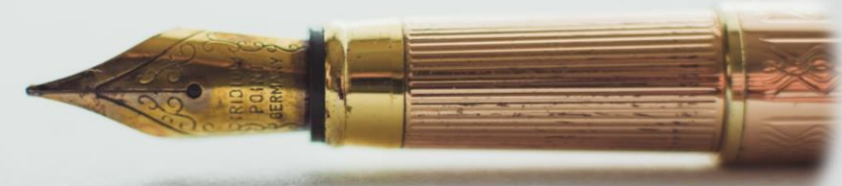
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“Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.” As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.



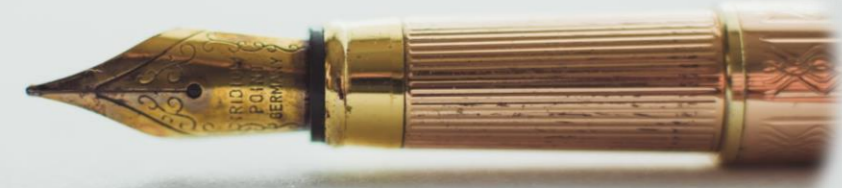
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The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.



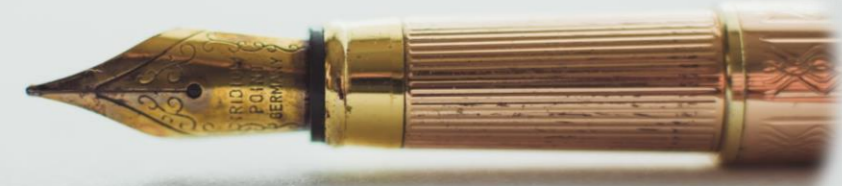
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When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped.



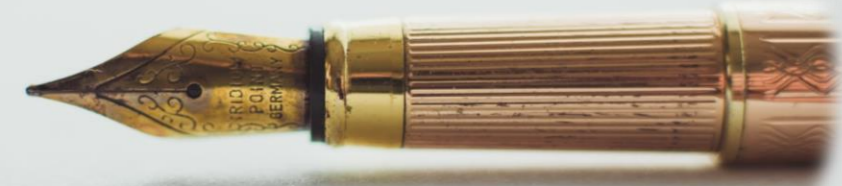
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So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value—more than they could take away.



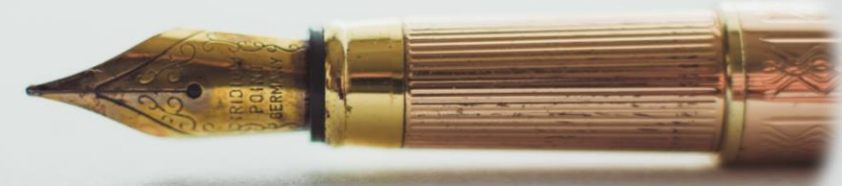
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There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they praised the Lord. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day.



## 2 Chronicles 20:15-30

Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the Lord with harps and lyres and trumpets.



## 2 Chronicles 20:15-30

The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

# REFLECTION

1. **Who here feels tired, weary (been carrying a lot on your shoulders)**

**God says it's time to SURRENDER  
LET GO AND LET GOD!**



# REFLECTION

**2. Lost trust in God. Given up on your dreams and hopes. GOD says**

**He is the God of MIRACLES.  
The BEST is YET to come!!**

# REFLECTION

## 3. Lost your JOY/ZEAL.

Nehemiah 8:10 “The Joy of the Lord is my strength”

What does that mean?

**Joy that comes from the inside out.**

**Directly connected with living from a place of**

**GRATTITUDE/THANKFULNESS**



# MY STORY



**EVERY NATION**  
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