

Encouraging Ourselves

David Working a



**“But David found strength in the LORD his God.”
1 Samuel 30:6 (NIV)**

**“...but David encouraged himself in the LORD his
God.”
1 Samuel 30:6 (KJV)**



“Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for and hope for and expect the Lord!”

Psalms 31:24 (AMP)

“Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord.”

Psalms 27:14 (AMP)

Encouraged / Strengthened - (H2388 - Strong's)

a primitive root; to fasten upon; hence, to seize, be strong (figuratively, courageous, causatively strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify), obstinate; to bind, restrain, conquer:--aid, amend, X calker, catch, cleave, confirm, be constant, constrain, continue, be of good (take) courage(-ous, -ly), encourage (self), be established, fasten, force, fortify, make hard, harden, help, (lay) hold (fast), lean, maintain, play the man, mend, become (wax) mighty, prevail, be recovered, repair, retain, seize, be (wax) sore, strengthen (self), be stout, be (make, shew, wax) strong(-er), be sure, take (hold), be urgent, behave self valiantly, withstand.

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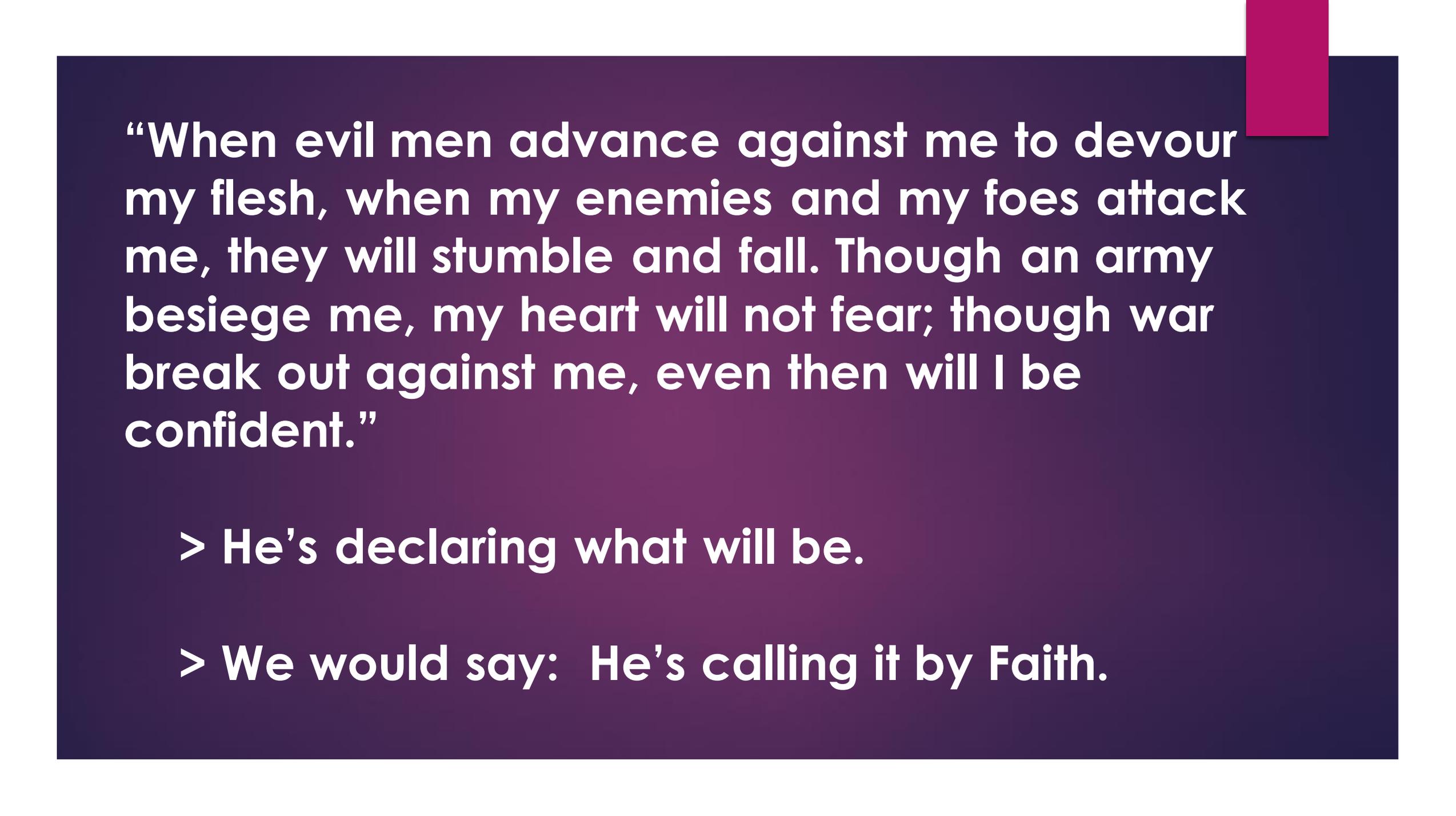
> That wasn't there previously.

**“The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom
shall I fear?**

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom
shall I be afraid?”**

Psalms 27:1-14 (NIV)

- > David made a declaration of his God.**
- > Possibly reminding himself of the truth.**



“When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.”

> He’s declaring what will be.

> We would say: He’s calling it by Faith.



“One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.”

- > He keeps the priority of his relationship with God the most important thing.**
- > He want God to know, no matter what, God is first.**

“For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.”

**> David is declaring on the basis of his ‘Hope’.
(Greek Definition)**



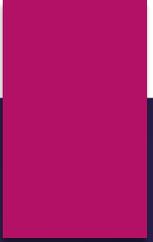
“Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.”

- > Posturing himself. (In humility)**
- > Prayer of Asking God for help.**
- > Commitment to keeping God first.**



“Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.”

> In the OT they were always concerned about forsaking or abandoning them.



**“Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.”**

- > Bringing himself back on track again.**
- > Shaking free of the fear.**



“Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.”

> He states his desire to be teachable and obedient.



**“Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
breathing out violence.”**

- > Is he expressing a fear?**
- > Is he again concerned about being forsaken or abandoned?**
- > It may also be a simple request.**



“I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.”

- > His conclusion is to “encourage” himself in the Lord.**
- > He is choosing what he will focus on and dwell on.**



**“Look unto Jehovah--be strong, And
He doth strengthen thy heart, Yea,
look unto Jehovah!”**

Psalms 27:14 (YLT)

“What, what would have become of me] had I not believed that I would see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living!”

Psalms 27:13-14 (AMP)

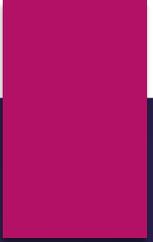
- > The Amp. makes it sound like he's remembering what God has already done for him, and using it as a platform to move forward in trusting God, and to “encourage” himself.**



“Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord.”

(H6960 - “Wait”)

a primitive root; to bind together (perhaps by twisting), i.e. collect; (figuratively) to expect: - gather (together), look, patiently, tarry, wait (for, on, upon).



**“Be strong and take heart, all you
who hope in the LORD.”**

Psalms 31:24 (NIV)

(H3176 - “Hope”)

a primitive root; to wait; by implication, to be patient, hope:--(cause to, have, make to) hope, be pained, stay, tarry, trust, wait.