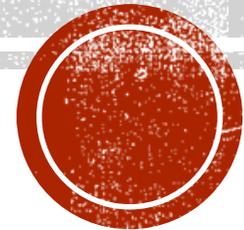


# BOAR IN THE BUSHES

1 KINGS 22:3-37



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- **Jehoshaphat Had His Doubts**



# 1 KINGS 22:3-9

- <sup>3</sup>The king of Israel had said to his officials, “Don’t you know that Ramoth Gilead belongs to us and yet we are doing nothing to retake it from the king of Aram?”
- <sup>4</sup>So he asked Jehoshaphat, “Will you go with me to fight against Ramoth Gilead?”
- Jehoshaphat replied to the king of Israel, “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.” <sup>5</sup>But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, “First seek the counsel of the LORD.”



# 1 KINGS 22:3-9

- <sup>6</sup> So the king of Israel brought together the prophets—about four hundred men—and asked them, “Shall I go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?”
- “Go,” they answered, “for the Lord will give it into the king’s hand.”
- <sup>7</sup> But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no longer a prophet of the LORD here whom we can inquire of?”



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- <sup>8</sup> The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, “There is still one prophet through whom we can inquire of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaiah son of Imlah.”
- “The king should not say such a thing,” Jehoshaphat replied.
- <sup>9</sup> So the king of Israel called one of his officials and said, “Bring Micaiah son of Imlah at once.”



- **Jehoshaphat Had His Doubts**
- **Micaiah Didn't Back Down**



# 1 KINGS 22:10-25

- <sup>10</sup> Dressed in their royal robes, the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were sitting on their thrones at the threshing floor by the entrance of the gate of Samaria, with all the prophets prophesying before them. <sup>11</sup> Now Zedekiah son of Kenaanah had made iron horns and he declared, “This is what the LORD says: ‘With these you will gore the Arameans until they are destroyed.’”
- <sup>12</sup> All the other prophets were prophesying the same thing. “Attack Ramoth Gilead and be victorious,” they said, “for the LORD will give it into the king’s hand.”



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- <sup>13</sup>The messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, “Look, the other prophets without exception are predicting success for the king. Let your word agree with theirs, and speak favorably.”
- <sup>14</sup> But Micaiah said, “As surely as the LORD lives, I can tell him only what the LORD tells me.”
- <sup>15</sup> When he arrived, the king asked him, “Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or not?”
- “Attack and be victorious,” he answered, “for the LORD will give it into the king’s hand.”



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- <sup>16</sup> The king said to him, “How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?”
- <sup>17</sup> Then Micaiah answered, “I saw all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd, and the LORD said, ‘These people have no master. Let each one go home in peace.’”
- <sup>18</sup> The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Didn’t I tell you that he never prophesies anything good about me, but only bad?”



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- <sup>19</sup> Micaiah continued, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne with all the multitudes of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left. <sup>20</sup> And the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?’
- “One suggested this, and another that. <sup>21</sup> Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, ‘I will entice him.’
- <sup>22</sup> “‘By what means?’ the LORD asked.



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- “‘I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,’ he said.
- “‘You will succeed in enticing him,’ said the LORD. ‘Go and do it.’
- <sup>23</sup> “So now the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The LORD has decreed disaster for you.”
- <sup>24</sup> Then Zedekiah son of Kenaanah went up and slapped Micaiah in the face. “Which way did the spirit from<sup>[a]</sup> the LORD go when he went from me to speak to you?” he asked.
- <sup>25</sup> Micaiah replied, “You will find out on the day you go to hide in an inner room.”



- **Jehoshaphat Had His Doubts**
- **Micaiah Didn't Back Down**
- **Ahab Should Have Listened**



# 1 KINGS 22:26-39

- <sup>26</sup> The king of Israel then ordered, “Take Micaiah and send him back to Amon the ruler of the city and to Joash the king’s son <sup>27</sup> and say, ‘This is what the king says: Put this fellow in prison and give him nothing but bread and water until I return safely.’”
- <sup>28</sup> Micaiah declared, “If you ever return safely, the LORD has not spoken through me.” Then he added, “Mark my words, all you people!”



# 1 KINGS 22:26-39

- <sup>29</sup> So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. <sup>30</sup> The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will enter the battle in disguise, but you wear your royal robes.” So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into battle.



# 1 KINGS 22:26-39

- <sup>31</sup> Now the king of Aram had ordered his thirty-two chariot commanders, “Do not fight with anyone, small or great, except the king of Israel.” <sup>32</sup> When the chariot commanders saw Jehoshaphat, they thought, “Surely this is the king of Israel.” So they turned to attack him, but when Jehoshaphat cried out, <sup>33</sup> the chariot commanders saw that he was not the king of Israel and stopped pursuing him.



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- <sup>34</sup> But someone drew his bow at random and hit the king of Israel between the sections of his armor. The king told his chariot driver, “Wheel around and get me out of the fighting. I’ve been wounded.” <sup>35</sup> All day long the battle raged, and the king was propped up in his chariot facing the Arameans. The blood from his wound ran onto the floor of the chariot, and that evening he died.



# 1 KINGS 22:26-39

- <sup>36</sup> As the sun was setting, a cry spread through the army: “Every man to his town. Every man to his land!”
- <sup>37</sup> So the king died and was brought to Samaria, and they buried him there. <sup>38</sup> They washed the chariot at a pool in Samaria (where the prostitutes bathed), and the dogs licked up his blood, as the word of the LORD had declared.



# 1 KINGS 22:26-39

- <sup>39</sup> As for the other events of Ahab's reign, including all he did, the palace he built and adorned with ivory, and the cities he fortified, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel?



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# IMPLICATIONS

- God Wants Us To Have Courage



# PSALM 27:14

- Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.



# I CORINTHIANS 16:13

- <sup>13</sup> Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.



# EPHESIANS 6:10

- <sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.



# IMPLICATIONS

- God Wants Us To Have Courage
- Courage Is Needed
- Courage Is A Decision



# MATTHEW 16:21

- <sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.



# MARK 10:45

- <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



# LUKE 9:51

- <sup>51</sup> As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.



# ACTS 21:10-14

- <sup>10</sup> After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. <sup>11</sup> Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'"



# ACTS 21:10-14

- <sup>12</sup> When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, “Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” <sup>14</sup> When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, “The Lord’s will be done.”



# IMPLICATIONS

- God Wants Us To Have Courage
- Courage Is Needed
- Courage Is A Decision
- God's Presence Gives Courage



# DEUTERONOMY 31:6

- <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”



# PSALM 27:1

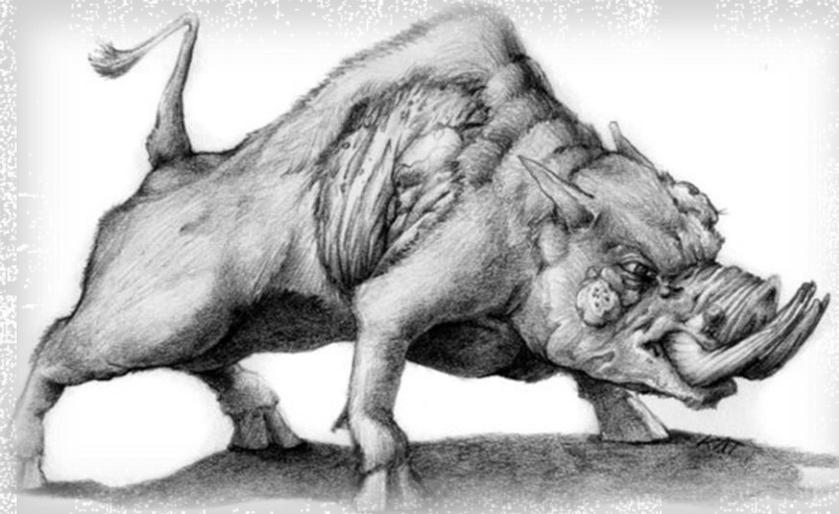
- The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?



# JOSHUA 1:9

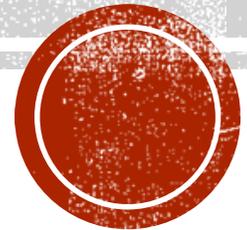
- <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”





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