9. You and I don’t have a living prophet to turn to. Instead, we have a living word in the Bible. What did God reveal to Jahaziel that still applies to us today when we find ourselves in what could be a frightening situation?

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10. Even though God promises to fight for his people, he expects them to go out to war against their enemies. Verse 21 mentions an army as well as a group of singers who go to battle in front of the army! Imagine yourself in this scene. God has told you where to go. He knows the location of the enemy forces. You head out to meet them, but you don’t know what is going to happen next. Describe what would be going through your mind as you advance toward your foes.

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11. How does God bring about a victory in verses 22-23?

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12. Does this account promise us that when we take risks the process will be effortless? Why or why not?

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Q. Not all fear associated with risk is bad. For example, we are called to fear God in 1 Peter 2:17. Discuss the difference between the fear that makes you wise and the fear that keeps you from walking by faith.
1. In verse 1-2 King Jehoshaphat was afraid by the alliance of armies that planned to attack his kingdom (verses 1-2). Do you think his fear (verse 3) was justified or not?

2. Fear can either push us away from God or toward God. In which direction did it take Jehoshaphat? (verses 3-4)

3. Share with the group a situation in your life where fear or anxiety or concern about something moved you toward God.

4. Jehoshaphat wisely reminded himself and his people about the things that were true of God. (verses 3-7) As a group, list some of the things that are true of God that give you the courage to move forward when you are afraid.

5. Another reality that helps us combat fear is God’s promises. What is the promise that Jehoshaphat recalls in verse 9?

6. Some today argue that God doesn’t care about us because he allows suffering and hardship into our lives. We can even become upset when we are on the receiving end of tough circumstances. How does Jehoshaphat look at adversity differently than many people do today?

7. The king reaches a point where you sometimes find yourself, confessing, “We do not know what to do.” (See verse 12.) Discuss why this is sometimes a good place to be. What prevents us from being this honest with God?

8. In verse 14, God speaks to the people through the prophet Jahaziel. This prophet, whose bloodline goes back to the days of King David, is unknown elsewhere in scripture. So God’s revelation through him is a bit unexpected. Read verses 15-17 and summarize what God wanted them to know.