

FLEURIEU EDGE

Panic or Pray?

An 85-year-old woman, all alone in a convent, got trapped inside an elevator for 4 nights and 3 days. Fortunately, she had a jar of water, some celery sticks, and a few cough drops. After she tried unsuccessfully to open the elevator doors and get a cell phone signal, she decided to turn to God in prayer. "It was either panic or pray," she later told CNN. In her distress, she relied on God and waited till she was rescued.

Asa was also faced with the options of panic or pray. He was attacked by an Ethiopian army of a million men. But as he faced this huge fighting force, instead of relying on military strategy or cowering in dread, he turned to the Lord in urgent prayer. In a powerful and humble prayer, Asa confessed his total dependence on Him, asked for help, and appealed to Lord to protect His own name: "Help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude." The Lord responded to Asa's prayer, and he won the victory over the Ethiopian army.

When we are faced with tight spots, meagre resources, a vast army of problems, or seemingly dead-end solutions, let's not panic but instead turn to God who fights for His people and gives them victory. Prayer is the bridge between panic and peace.

Marvin Williams

2 Chronicles 14:9-11 ⁹Zerah the Cushite marched out against them with an army of thousands upon thousands and three hundred chariots, and came as far as Maresah. ¹⁰Asa went out to meet him, and they took up battle positions in the Valley of Zephathah near Maresah.

¹¹Then Asa called to the Lord his God and said, "Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. Lord, you are our God; do not let mere mortals prevail against you." (NLT)

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