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Psalm 44:1-8

Where do you find encouragement when circumstances threaten and God seems far away? This was the situation faced by the Sons of Korah in Psalm 44.

The Sons of Korah were a group of priestly singers in the Temple in Jerusalem. They would lead the people in worship. They played a particularly memorable role during the reign of King Jehoshaphat of Judah (2 Chronicles 20). The tiny kingdom of Judah was under threat by a "vast army" of their enemies. Judah's defenses and army seemed inadequate to meet the challenge, and to that point there had been no sign of God's action on their behalf.

Judah did have three things: stories, stones, and songs. These stories told of God's faithful intervention on behalf of His people. Stone monuments marked the locations where God had given victory over their enemies. They also sang psalms reminding them of God's faithfulness. The Sons of Korah encouraged the people to make God their boast, not strong armies and impenetrable defenses.

Whatever we face, we should remember that our boast is in our faithful God.

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