**Auto Pilot**
It had been such a great day...so I thought. I had just come home from work and my dog was doing the daily "welcome home dance". I knew she needed to go outside...so out we went. Yet, I had no idea what was waiting for me. As we walked around the yard, a coiled up water moccasin with it's mouth wide open was just waiting to capture something to eat just a few yards from where I was standing...barefooted!

At times, we have all felt that our families are under attack. It comes in so many forms; physical attacks, emotional attacks or spiritual attacks. There are just times that we don't know what to do. It's as if our brains stop functioning rationally and we start operating on auto pilot or whatever habitual practices we have set in place for ourselves. For me it was screaming and running when I saw that snake. But I want you to hear about how Jehoshaphat responded when he came under attack.

In 2 Chronicles 20, Jehoshaphat had just gotten really bad news. A vast army was coming against him on several sides.
1. He was alarmed but RESOLVED to inquire of the Lord (2 Chronicles 20:3)
2. He proclaimed a FAST (2 Chronicles 20:3)
3. He prayed HONESTLY before God and the assembly, "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you." (2 Chronicles 20:12)
4. They were immediately comforted and told to not be afraid or discouraged because the battle was not theirs but God's. They were then told to STAND FIRM and SEE the deliverance from the Lord.

Finish reading 2 Chronicles 20 and you will find that he was told to "go out and face tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you." Jehoshaphat set out early in the morning giving all glory to God and the whole assembly began praising God and giving thanks to Him.

Today, you may have many things come against you and your family. Jehoshaphat did not learn those practices in that moment...it was learned over time. Use some or all of these practices to set in place for yourself so that when (not if) things happen you will immediately know how to walk through the trials...keeping your eyes on the Lord. Even when you don't know what to do.

Oh, and I'm happy to report that both my dog and I were able to escape the trap set by the rather large water moccasin. Close call!

If we have not met, I want you to know that my name is Holly and I walked into this church 22 years ago with a 5yo daughter and a 2 month old son in tow. This church embraced me but bigger than that the gospel and what God did in my life changed this common girl forever! And I know He will do the same for you! He will! Enjoy the SPF ministry and the newsletter and get excited about what God has in store for you and your children!

Each year we take time to celebrate and honor you as moms on **Mother's Day!**This year will be no different. Your children will love being able to "take" you out for a nice lunch and then select gifts to give you! Real ones! This is as important for them as it is for you. So why don't you join us for our Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday, May 8th after the 11am Worship Service in the Fellowship Center. This year our much loved Natalie Mott will again be joining us to speak. And Sara Johnson, from Family Camp (parent dinner) will sing and lead worship. Don't miss out on this special day! Sign up today, it's all for YOU and there is not a cost (we just need to know you are coming so that we will have enough of everything)! [SPF Mother's Day Sign Up Link](http://houstonsfirst.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=64a39fd61396677936ecaaf36&id=04d1e998d4&e=c96041ca1e)

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