2 Chronicles 16: 8-9, NKJV, **emphasis mine**, “Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? **Yet, because you relied on the Lord, He delivered them into your hand.** 9For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of ***those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him.** In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”

King Asa of Judah lost sight of his first love, God. And, in his disobedience, obstinacy, obduracy, smugness, non-trusting fear, self-reliance, and stubbornness, (**can you spell “pig-headed” and “mule-like”?),** he turned away from his "true source" and endeavored to "micro manage" his own dilemma. Because he made an alliance with ungodly King Aram, and because he failed to 'cast his burdens' on Jehovah God for his body’s healing, he suffered physical, mental, and spiritual injury. Asa, from David's lineage, was "by and large" a fine and Godly King. But, like all mankind, he made a couple of classic, critical, crucial, copious, cyclopean, considerable, capacious, commodious and colossal mistakes**...*HUGE ERRORS, IN FACT!...***deadly, stupid, oppressive, 'not-relying-on-God', elephantine 'bloopers!' He made treaties with a pagan ally, and he forgot to ask the Almighty for assistance in his tragic illness. All in all, those shortcomings cost Asa dearly.....his life and his kingdom. Written around 520 B.C., Chronicles was scribed to give us a picture of the "fickleness" of the "human creature." It still reminds us in the 21st century that God Almighty is our ***only*** hope and help! Wonderful “***Those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him**” Thursday to you ! May you value the lesson that the "chronicler" sought to portray, five hundred years before Jesus' birth, yet, judiciously timed for us today:   
**“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him.”**

**Sooooo...Be loyal to your Lord, and find**

**profound, perfect strength in His freely-given help!**

It is always,

Because of Him,

**Lindi**

**Dear Great and Good God, thank You for Your ever-present help. Thank You for loving me, even in my weaknesses, failings, and selfishness. Thank You for Your Word that is my life-line. “Pick me up” today from my falling and stumbling. Show me how to feed the hungry, guide the lost, and encourage the discouraged. Let me do more. Remind me that time is short; let Your kingdom come. Help me help others and show Your great mercy to everyone I touch. Heal broken hearts and spirits this day. Take me deeper in Your Divine Word. Instruct me how to pray with purpose, especially for Your chosen people, Israel. Forgive me when I put “me” ahead of Your awesome love. I adore You always. May I be tediously careful in following Your high calling. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**