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 5. So, choose the deliverance God gives you, Jeremiah 51:46, Isaiah 8:12, 12:2; Psalm 56:3; Luke 21:28. Feel the fear, but choose the courage.
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