

HE WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF WILL BE SAVED



LIFE'S CRISES TEST YOUR FAITH

Isaiah 36:4-10

King Hezekiah enters **in a crisis of faith**

His faith was threatened **by what he heard and seen**

He engages in a battle **without consulting God**

Life lesson:

*In the middle of crises **people often change in whom they trust***

TRUST IN HUMAN'S HELP IS USELESS

Isaiah 36:6-7

King of Assyria invades and **destroys multiple cities and takes hundreds of thousands of slaves**

Hezekiah believes **in human strength and wisdom more than in God**

Life lesson:

In whom do you trust?

*Trusting in others than in God **has tragic consequences***

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HUMBLE BEFORE GOD?

Isaiah 37:15-20

King prayed before God, but **his prayer misses something**

A prayer for salvation **without confession of sin**

God brings salvation because of His honor **and not because of Hezekiah's religious prayer**

Isaiah 36:6; 37:35

Life Lesson:

*To humble before God means **to admit your sins and to be judged by God***

*Even guilty, **only who humbles himself before the Lord will be saved***

**Life Group Homework/ Bible Study &
Food for Thought for the week of December 1st, 2019**
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

NIV – New International Version or where is the case we use ESV- English Standard Version

Quick Review

Looking back at your notes from this week teaching, was there anything new you learned or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

This weekend's message, pastor David spoke about how our trust in God is tested in the middle of "fire" of crises. Obviously, every one of us had gone through such fire of life's crises because God has special purpose to accomplish through them. Hezekiah's faith is tested, and he decided to rely on humans instead in God.

Isaiah 37:1-10 Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them. And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the fuller's field. Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him. Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you have? "I say, 'Your counsel and strength for the war are only empty words.' Now on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me? "Behold, you rely on the staff of this crushed reed, even on Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him. "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar'? "Now therefore, come make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them. "How then can you repulse one official of the least of my master's servants and rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? "Have I now come up without the LORD's approval against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.

2. Describes historical situation of Isaiah 35-38 and in what ways do you act like king Hezekiah when you experience crises?
3. Discuss king Hezekiah's guilt as recorded in Isaiah 29:9-16 and 30:1-3.
4. Discuss the meaning of being humble before God and its implications.
5. What's the New Testament argument to help us to understand that God works in exactly same manner today?
6. Discuss what is missing from king's prayer as recorded in Isaiah 37:15-20.
7. How do you evaluate your prayers content? How do you think Jesus views content of your prayers?
8. In what ways you need to alter your prayer life in order to be in accordance with Jesus' expectations?



LIFE GROUPS

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Commitment to Personal Goals:

1. Scripture Reading (specific and attainable)
2. Scripture Memorization (verse/ passage)
3. Relationships/ Evangelism
4. Personal

Group Goals

- ▲ LOOK UP towards Christ
 - Grow in love for Christ and confidence in Him
- ▼ LOOK DOWN into the God’s Word
 - Learn God’s word and how to study it
 - Apply God’s word to my life in specific ways
- ▶ LOOK IN at my own life
 - Identify and fight against sin in my life
 - Cultivate godly character and spiritual maturity
 - Improve my devotional life or reading and prayer
- ◀ LOOK OUT towards others
 - Serve other church members purposefully
 - Nurture relationships for accountability and prayer
 - Strengthen the relationships within my home
 - Develop loving friendships with outsiders for the purpose of evangelism

Responsibilities for Group Members

1. Be committed to GCC and its mission, leadership and goals of LG
2. Attend Sunday services each week, or let someone in the group know why I miss
3. Prioritize group meetings by arriving on time each week
4. Complete any assignments for the group and come prepared to participate
5. Participate in meetings without disrupting or monopolizing the time and attention of others
6. Cultivate trust within the group and be honest, transparent and teachable
7. Show love, concern and hospitality to visitors