

11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Topic: Seek and Trust God with Humility Book Theme: Sin, Judgment, Redemption Chapters: Isa. 36 - 39 May 17th, 2023

Central Text: Isaiah 37:1, NKJV, 1 And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.

Intro:

Hezekiah 715 B.C 686 B.C.,	2 Chronicles 29 - 32	2 Kings 18 - 20	
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1.Take Our Sadness To God - Isaiah 37:1(after first report), v.14-20 (after second report), Isaiah 38:1-3 (in sickness)

Question for Dialogue - What was the last sadness you took to God and how did taking it to God make you feel?

2. Take Our Sadness To Our Pastors And Wise Counselors - Isaiah 37:2

Question for Dialogue: Pastors are valuable resources that God has blessed us with. Why do some people make preplanned life-altering mistakes without first seeking the counsel of pastors?

3.Be Courageous - Isaiah 37:6

Question for Dialogue: 1 John 4:18, NKJV, says 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <u>When God tells us not to fear in the face of trouble or sad circumstances</u>, we must rely on His love for us to cast out all fear and make us courageous. What current sadness or troublesome situation do you need to listen to God's encouragement to not be afraid?

4.Accept God's Promise of Provision and Benefit from His Victory - Isaiah 37:7 - 8, 33 - 35 (victory in war), Isaiah 38:4-5 (victory in sickness)

Question for Dialogue - God may not resolve every circumstance that brings us sadness in the way that we like, but God's keeping power through sad circumstances **is where the victory lies**, because the enemy's intended result of undesirable results <u>is for it to take us out and cause us to turn our backs on God</u>. *What are some promises that God has given us that guarantee victory in the circumstances of life*?

5.Maintain Humility Through Good Times and Expect Tests Of Our Humility - Isaiah 39:1-8

Question For Dialogue - When things are working out as we desire and we're feeling good about the overwhelmingly rich rewards we've been blessed with, we're God's prime targets for tests of our humility. How can we avoid pride and maintain humility during seasons of plenty and rich rewards?