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WHEN YOU'RE UP AGAINST A WALL

Isaiah 37.14-20

The nation of Assyria has conquered the surrounding nations and many of the cities in Judah. The King of Assyria sent a messenger with a letter to King Hezekiah in Jerusalem urging him and his people to surrender. Hezekiah turns to God in prayer for help.

A "how-to" prayer for difficult times with King Hezekiah:

1. Devote some **SPECIAL TIME** in prayer to God.

Then he went up to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord. And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord... v14-15

2. Begin with praise and worship and acknowledging the **CHARACTER OF GOD.**

"Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth." v16

3. Cry out to God **IN HUMILITY.**

"Give ear, Lord, and hear; open your eyes, Lord, and see; listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God." v17

4. Be **OPEN** and **HONEST** about your situation *"It is true, Lord, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste all these peoples and their lands." v18*

5. Specifically ask for **DELIVERANCE.** *"Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand..." v20*

6. Pray that God will be **GLORIFIED** in your situation regardless how it turns out. *"...so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Lord, are the only God." v20*

*"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. **But even if he does not**, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."*

Daniel 3.17-18

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10.31



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

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