

Psalms 70:5 (NIV) (40:17) – I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalms 33:16-18 – ¹⁶No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. ¹⁷A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. ¹⁸But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love

Faith is not shelter against difficulties, but belief in the face of all contradictions. Paul Tournier

Faith is not anti-intellectual. It is an act of man that reaches beyond the limits of our five senses. Billy Graham

The greatest proof of Christianity for others is not how far a man can logically analyze his reasons for believing, but how far in practice he will stake his life on his belief. T. S. Eliot

1 Sam. 17:45 – David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword & spear & javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

Relinquishment of burdens and fears begins where adoration and worship of God become the occupation of the soul. Frances J. Roberts

Only he who can say, “The Lord is the strength of my life,” can say, “Of whom shall I be afraid?” Alexander Maclaren

2 Chr. 32:20 – King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz cried out in prayer to heaven about this. ²¹And the LORD sent an angel, who annihilated all the fighting men and the leaders and officers in the camp of the Assyrian king. So he withdrew to his own land in disgrace. And when he went into the temple of his god, some of his sons cut him down with the sword.

Romans 12:17-19 (NIV) – ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.

Heb. 10:30-31 (NIV) – ³⁰For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.” ³¹It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

The shame of it is that all too often we need to find ourselves in a crisis situation, like Hezekiah and his people, before we really pray!

HEZEKIAH – FEAR, FAITH AND DELIVERANCE

2 Chronicles 32:1-23

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1. Encouraging Words – Greater is He that is with us than he that in the world. (vv. 6-8)

📖 **Be strong and courageous.** (v. 7a)

Moses to Joshua (3X in Deut 31:6, 7 & 23)

God to Joshua (3X in Josh 1:6, 9 & 18)

Joshua to the people (Josh. 10:25)

God to us, through Paul:

Eph 6:10; 2 Tim 2:1; 2 Cor. 12:8-9

POINT: For the man or woman of God to “Be strong and courageous” is for them to be centered on the grace of God and on HIS mighty power.

📖 **Do not be afraid or discouraged.** (v. 7b)

📖 **There is a greater power with us than with him.** (v. 8a)

Ps. 20:7

† **He is our Fortress.**

Prov. 18:10; Psalm 18:2; Psalm 61:3; 2 Samuel 22:3

† **He is our Protector & Deliverer**

Ps. 70:5 (40:17); Ps. 33:16-18

📖 **With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us & to fight our battles.” (v. 8b)**

2. Fighting Words – “Your God is no different than any other god.” (vv. 10-19)

📖 **He raises the Question:** v. 10 – On what are you basing your confidence?

📖 v. 11 – When Hezekiah says, ‘The LORD our God will save us from the hand of the king of Assyria,’ he is misleading you.

📖 v. 12 – Did not Hezekiah himself remove this god’s high places and altars, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, ‘You must worship before one altar and burn sacrifices on it’?

📖 vv. 15 & 19 – ¹⁵Do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to deliver his people from my hand or the hand of my fathers. **How much less** will your god deliver you from my hand!
¹⁹They spoke about the God of Jerusalem as they did about the gods of the other peoples of the world—the work of men’s hands.

📖 v. 17 - The king also wrote letters insulting the LORD, the God of Israel.

David & Goliath: 1 Sam. 17:45

3. Powerful Words – They cried out in prayer. (vv. 20-21)

Gideon in Judges 7

2 Kings 7 with Elisha

Jehoshaphat in 2 Chr. 20

Romans 12:17-19; Heb. 10:30-31

A Truth to Remember: There is no enemy, no problem, no crisis that God is not in control of.

A Challenge to Consider: Are you willing to trust God for what you need rather than demanding that you be able to see HOW He will provide?

One thing I heard this morning was...

Next Week: 2 Chr 32:24-31 – HEZEKIAH – BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR

Scriptures & Quotes on Fear, Faith and Deliverance:

2 Chr. 32:7 – “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for **there is a greater power with us than with him.** ⁸With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles.”

Ephesians 6:10 ^(NIV) – Finally, **be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.**

2 Timothy 2:1 ^(NIV) – You then, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 – ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

Idolatry: trusting people, possessions or positions to do for me what only God can do. Bill Gothard

Faith is a reasoning trust, a trust which reckons thoughtfully and confidently upon the trustworthiness of God. John R. W. Stott

As D. L. Moody said, “Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment; trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you; trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it; but trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity.” Luther gave a similar testimony when he said, “I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.”

Psalms 20:7 ^(NIV) – Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Proverbs 18:10 ^(NIV) – The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Psalms 18:2 ^(NIV) – The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalms 61:3 ^(NIV) – For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

2 Samuel 22:3 ^(NIV) – my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—from violent men you save me.