

Hezekiah's Faith: Against All Odds

2 Kings 19

- A. Faith is not lived out in a vacuum.
Assyria – bold, strong, confident, violent – irresistible?
- B. Faith has to be one's own.
The kings of Israel and Judah – not a good track record.
Did right in the eyes of the Lord _____.
Did evil in the eyes of the Lord _____.
- The challenge of diminishing faith around you.
2 Kgs. 18:5-7 2 Kgs. 18:9-12
- C. Faith is needed when hearts faint and knees are weak.
1. The confrontation. 18:13; 19-20; 28-30
Sennacherib, Rabshakeh
 2. The appeal for help. 19:1-3
Isaiah
 3. The trauma is “*spread out before the Lord.*”
2 Kings 19:14-19 Hezekiah's prayer of faith.
 - *O LORD (YHWH), Ex. 3:5-15*
the God of _____
 - *You are enthroned above the _____ (Eden, Ark,*
Ezekiel 9)
 - *You alone are the God of _____*
 - *See and listen. Ex. 3*
 - *This is too _____!*
 - *Now, O Lord, _____ us,*
that all may _____ that You alone, O LORD, are God.
- D. Faith is to be placed in the God who works wonders for men
and women of faith. 19:21-23; **32-37**

Hezekiah's Prayer

¹⁴ Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD.

¹⁵ Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said, “O LORD, the God of Israel, who are enthroned *above* the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

¹⁶ “ Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.

¹⁷ “Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their lands ¹⁸ and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them.

¹⁹ “Now, O LORD our God, I pray, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, O LORD, are God.”

