

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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Godly King Hezekiah was a man of prayer. He trusted the LORD with his nation, his city, and his life. When the King of Assyria was threatening to destroy Jerusalem, Hezekiah prayed. When Hezekiah was told he was going to die, he prayed and wept before the LORD and God once again saw his tears, read his heart, and heard his voice. It is interesting that in the lives of those that I have ministered to over the years, prayer is most often a last resort instead of the first thing we do when confronted with a situation that is either good or bad. It seems like God is the last one we go to in need or in praise and the last one we bless and thank when God's blessings come to us.

Pastor Adrian Rogers tells of a lady that once came to his office to talk with the pastor about her wayward son, to which the Pastor replied when the woman was finished, "Let's pray for him right now." She replied, "Oh no, has it come to this!" It has come to this anytime we are confronted with anything. We need to first pray and talk to God. There are many things you can do after you pray, but you should always pray first. If it is a matter that demands immediate attention, then pray while you attend

to it. Pray as you do whatever you need to do. God sees and God hears. Prayer moves the hands of God

God instructed Isaiah to tell Hezekiah that he needed to get his house in order. In other words, to prepare any affairs he needed to tend to, because he was going to die. God also instructed Isaiah to go back to Hezekiah and tell him he would live because he had prayed and sought the face of God quickly. First thing! Isaiah had not even made it to the front door until he was told by God to go back and tell Hezekiah that his life would be extended for fifteen years! It was so miraculous and quick that Hezekiah asked for a sign and God graciously granted another miracle in addition to the miracle of healing.

Prayer and Action Steps

Did you notice that God used "means" to heal Hezekiah? Hezekiah had a boil that was killing him and so the LORD told Isaiah to tell Hezekiah to make a "Lump of figs" or a "Poultice" is the English term, place it on the boil and he would be healed. God can use means such as medicine, stimulation by means of physical, occupational, or other "therapies" to heal us. He can also directly intervene. He is God. Let Him decide. Lord you are the healer. We treat, you heal.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?
