

**IN WHOM DO YOU NOW TRUST?**

**Isaiah 36** <sup>4</sup> And the Rabshakeh said to them, “Say to Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: On what do you rest this trust of yours? <sup>5</sup> Do you think that mere words are strategy and power for war? In whom do you now trust, that you have rebelled against me?’

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**ONE: Doing Things Right Prepares You for Life’s Storms**

***Isaiah 36.1-37.4***

Hezekiah: 2 Kings 18.2-8

**TWO: Looking to God Who Makes Things Right Helps You Stand in the Storm**

***Isaiah 37.8-20***

**THREE: Trusting in Jesus’ Prayers Leads You to the Joy of Obedience**  
***Isaiah 37.20-38***

**Hezekiah’s not the one...**

**You’re likely weaker than he...**

**1Pe 1.3-4 & 2Pet 1.3-9**

**AS YOU CONSIDER ISAIAH 36 & 37:**

1. How might Hezekiah’s previous obedience (2 Kings 18.2-8) have helped prepare him to trust God in the difficult days of Isaiah 36-37?
2. How can obedience prepare you for future trials? (Cf., 1 Peter 1.3-9; Rom 5.1-5)
3. What relationship(s) can you see between God’ protecting Jerusalem and the temple in Isaiah 36-37 and his protecting of those who belong to Jesus (who is the new temple among God’ new-Jerusalem people)? (Cf., Romans 8.31-39)
4. Jesus is now at the right hand of the Father (the place of honor and strength) interceding for his people. Look at 2 Peter 1.3-9, and especially 1.9, reminding yourself that Jesus is now reminding the Father that if you belong to him you are forgiven (cf., 1 John 2.1 for Jesus’ advocating for us!). In 2 Peter 1.9 Peter is clearly saying that forgiveness leads to obedience. Why? How is this working in your walk with Christ? Ask someone to guide you in this if you need help to understand.

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