

Call to Prayer!

January 26, 2020

Read 2Kings 18 & 19- Hezekiah...

We are besieged much as Hezekiah was; and we need to respond just as Hezekiah responded!

As I look at every face here today, and think of every family I know, there has been unusual trouble and pressure everywhere.

Look around you, what you see is your family! Whether you be VCC, VCA, Staff, Student, Sister congregant, whatever you might think of yourself, we are family. Every church that uses this facility, every school event, every service or study that takes place here is taking place in GOD's house! We are HIS family!

In the recent past we have gone through much.

Pastoral change,

VCA Administerial change,

Either we or someone we know has been affected by these words in recent times:

Deaths of Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters, children.

Cancer,

Leukemia,

Illness,

Pneumonia,

Heart Attack,

Stroke,

Pain,

Injury,

Loss of income,

Family's destroyed by drama and turmoil,
Debilitating Emotional trauma,

On a broader scale, our ability to openly worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is under attack like never before!
Our communities, our state, and our nation have many in powerful places of influence that would eradicate the very name of Jesus from memory.

They see to silence Pastors, make our pulpits "safe spaces", eliminate teaching or even reading the Bible when it offends human sensibilities.

Within our Nations Capitol we are seeing the greatest travesty of political madness we've yet experienced.

Let's be bold now.

Without God's intervention our church will not survive.

Our school will not survive.

If looked at with carnal eyes, we would be done.

Without God's intervention, many of our families will not survive.

Without God's intervention, our nation will not survive.

Paul said in 2Corinthians:

2Co 4:8 *We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;*

2Co 4:9 *persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—*

2Co 4:10 *always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.*

Just like Hezekiah we spread out the writing against us today in the Lord's presence.

We do so in faith in His promises:

Heb 4:14 *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Mat 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Jas 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

Jas 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

Jas 5:15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Jas 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Jas 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

Jas 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Jas 5:19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,

Jas 5:20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

2Ch 7:12 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a

house of sacrifice.

2Ch 7:13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,

2Ch 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2Ch 7:15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

2Ch 7:16 For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.