

# RHYTHMS



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GROWING IN THE RHYTHM OF TRUST IN GOD

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“ <sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

~ PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NIV)

Leaning on my own understanding

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Trusting with All my Heart

## GROWING IN THE RHYTHM OF TRUST – KING HEZEKIAH'S JOURNEY

Isaiah 30-31, 2 Kings 18-20

“ <sup>1</sup>'Woe to the obstinate children,' declares the Lord, 'to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; <sup>2</sup>who go down to Egypt without consulting me, who look for help to Pharaoh's protection, to Egypt's shade for refuge. <sup>3</sup>But Pharaoh's protection will be to your shame, Egypt's shade will bring you disgrace.'”

~ ISAIAH 30:1-3 (NIV)

“ <sup>1</sup>'Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the Lord.'”

~ ISAIAH 31:1 (NIV)

## WHO IS KING HEZEKIAH?

“ <sup>3</sup>He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done.” ~ 2 KINGS 18:3 (NIV)

### HEZEKIAH'S REFORMS:

Removes Idols, Reopens Temple. Reorganizes Priests, Reinstates Feasts, Reminds People of Tithes

“ <sup>7</sup>And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.”

~ 2 KINGS 18:7 (NIV)

## THE ASSYRIAN THREAT:

722BC Assyria Conquers the Northern Kingdom of Israel  
Southern Kingdom of Judah Threatened  
King Ahaz pays Tribute to Buy Judah's Safety

## HEZEKIAH'S PLAN FOR PROTECTION:

Form an \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

“ <sup>16</sup>The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, 'You are not to go back that way again.'”

~ DEUTERONOMY 17:16 (NIV)

## HEZEKIAH'S PATH AWAY FROM TRUST IN GOD:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ over faith.

2. Stopped listening to the \_\_\_\_\_.

“ <sup>10</sup> They say to the seers, 'See no more visions!' and to the prophets, 'Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. <sup>11</sup> Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!'”

~ ISAIAH 30:10-11 (NIV)

3. Starts to listen to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his enemy.

“ <sup>28</sup> Then the commander stood and called out in Hebrew... ” ~ 2 KINGS 18:28a (NIV)

“ <sup>31</sup> ... 'This is what the king of Assyria says: Make peace with me and come out to me. Then each of you will eat fruit from your own vine and fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, <sup>32</sup> until I come and take you to a land like your own—a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey. Choose life and not death!'”

~ 2 KINGS 18:31b-32 (NIV)

## GOD'S PATH TO SALVATION AND STRENGTH

“ <sup>15</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength,'”

~ ISAIAH 30:15a (NIV)

## GOD'S OFFER OF SAFETY AND STRENGTH ARE FOUND IN:

## HEZEKIAH'S RESPONSE:

“ <sup>15</sup> ...But you would have none of it. <sup>16</sup> You said, 'No, we will flee on horses.' Therefore you will flee! You said, 'We will ride off on swift horses. Therefore your pursuers will be swift!'”

~ ISAIAH 30:15b-16 (NIV)

## GOD'S FOREVER PROMISE:

“ <sup>18</sup> Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! <sup>19</sup> People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.”

~ ISAIAH 30:18-19 (NIV)

## DISCUSSION Questions:

*For the exciting conclusion to the story read: 2 Kings 19:14-37*

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- 1 - Are you a trusting person? On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate yourself when it comes to trusting people? How would you rate yourself when it comes to trusting God?
- 2 - Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How would you describe the difference between saying you trust God and actually trusting Him with all your heart?
- 3 - Read 2 Kings 18:1-8 how would you describe Hezekiah from these verses?

- 4 - Though he started strong, rather than trusting God for help, eventually Hezekiah makes an alliance with Egypt and then pays tribute to Assyria. Pastor Glen highlighted three steps that took Hezekiah away from trusting God. Review those three and re-read the verses in the notes. How do you see these still as problems for Christians in our world today?

- 5 - Read Isaiah 30:15. What is your initial response to this verse? Are these things easy for you or difficult? Which do you need more of in your life: Repentance, rest, quiet, trust?
- 6 - Even when Hezekiah does not wait on the Lord, The Lord still waits for him. What stands out to you from Isaiah 30:18-19?
- 7 - That are two or three steps of trust you can take this week to grow in that Rhythm of Trust in God?

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