



DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH – Part 15  
King Hezekiah's Victory  
Make Prayer Your First Line of Defense  
Rather than Your Last Resort

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1. God honors a life of \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Kings 18:5-7 (NLT)**, “Hezekiah **trusted** in the Lord, the God of Israel. There was **no one like him** among all the kings of Judah, either before or after his time. <sup>6</sup> He remained **faithful** to the Lord in **everything**, and he carefully **obeyed** all the commands the Lord had given Moses. <sup>7</sup> **So the Lord was with him**, and Hezekiah was **successful** in everything he did.”

**Psalms 34:15-17 (NASB)**, “The eyes of the Lord are **toward the righteous**, and His **ears** are **open to their cry**. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry and the Lord **hears** and **delivers** them out of all their troubles.”

2. Bring your battles to God in \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Kings 19:14-19 (NLT)**, “<sup>14</sup> After Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it, **he went up to the LORD’s Temple** and spread it out before the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And **Hezekiah prayed this prayer** before the LORD: “O LORD, God of Israel, you are enthroned between the mighty cherubim! **You alone are God** of all the kingdoms of the earth. You alone created the heavens and the earth. <sup>16</sup> Bend down, O LORD, and listen! Open your eyes, O LORD, and see! Listen to Sennacherib’s words of defiance **against the living God.**” <sup>17</sup> “It is true, LORD, that the kings of Assyria have destroyed all these nations. <sup>18</sup> And they have thrown the gods of these nations into the fire and burned them. But of course, the Assyrians could destroy them! **They were not gods at all** – only idols of wood and stone shaped by human hands. <sup>19</sup> Now, O LORD our God, **rescue us from his power**; then all the kingdoms of the earth will know that **you alone, O LORD, are God.**”

**Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)**, “So let us come **boldly** to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his **mercy**, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”

**Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)**, “The name of the Lord is a **strong tower**; the **righteous run** to it and are safe.”

3. Trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ your battles.

**2 Chronicles 32:7-8 (NLT)**, “Be **strong and courageous!** Don’t be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria or his mighty army, for **there is a power far greater on our side!** <sup>8</sup> He may have a great army, but they are **merely men**. We have the **Lord our God** to help us and to **fight our battles for us!**” Hezekiah’s words greatly encouraged the people.”

**2 Kings 19:35-37 (NLT)**, “<sup>35</sup> That night the **angel of the LORD** went out to the Assyrian camp and killed **185,000 Assyrian soldiers**. When the surviving Assyrians woke up the next morning, they found corpses everywhere. <sup>36</sup> Then King Sennacherib of Assyria broke camp and **returned to his own land**. He went home to his capital of Nineveh and stayed there.”

**Romans 8:31 (NLT)**, “What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? **If God is for us**, who can ever be **against us?**”

**Psalms 46:2 (NCV)**, “God is our **protection** and our strength. He **always helps in times of trouble**. So, **we will not be afraid** even if the earth shakes, or the mountains fall into the sea.”

4. God will honor your sincere \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 12:12 (NIV)**, “Be joyful in hope, **patient** in affliction, **faithful** in prayer.”

**2 Kings 20:1-6 (NLT)**, “About that time **Hezekiah became deathly ill**, and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to visit him. He gave the king this message: “This is what the Lord says: Set your affairs in order, for **you are going to die**. You will not recover from this illness.” <sup>2</sup> When Hezekiah heard this, he turned his face to the wall and **prayed to the LORD**, <sup>3</sup> “**Remember, O LORD, how I have always been faithful** to you and have **served you** single-mindedly, always **doing what pleases you.**” Then he broke down and **wept bitterly.** <sup>4</sup> But before Isaiah had left the middle courtyard, **this message came to him from the LORD:** <sup>5</sup> “Go back to Hezekiah, the leader of my people. Tell him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of your ancestor David, says: **I have heard your prayer and seen your tears.** I will **heal you**, and three days from now you will get out of bed and go to the Temple of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> **I will add fifteen years to your life**, and **I will rescue you and this city from the king of Assyria.** I will defend this city for my own honor and for the sake of my servant David.”