

Relying On The Words Of The King!

2 Chron 32:1-23 (CSB)

1 After Hezekiah's faithful deeds, King Sennacherib of Assyria came and entered Judah. He laid siege to the fortified cities and intended to break into them.

2 Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and that he planned war on Jerusalem,

3 so he consulted with his officials and his warriors about stopping up the water of the springs that were outside the city, and they helped him.

4 Many people gathered and stopped up all the springs and the stream that flowed through the land; they said, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find abundant water?"

5 Then Hezekiah strengthened his position by rebuilding the entire broken-down wall and heightening the towers and the other outside wall. He repaired the supporting terraces of the city of David, and made an abundance of weapons and shields.

6 He set military commanders over the people and gathered the people in the square of the city gate. Then he encouraged them, saying,

7 "Be strong and courageous! Don't be afraid or discouraged before the king of Assyria or before the large army that is with him, for there are more with us than with him.

8 He has only human strength, but we have the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." So, the people RELIED ON THE WORDS OF KING Hezekiah of Judah.

9 After this, while King Sennacherib of Assyria with all his armed forces besieged Lachish, he sent his servants to Jerusalem against King Hezekiah of Judah and against all those of Judah who were in Jerusalem, saying,

10 "This is what King Sennacherib of Assyria says: 'What are you relying on that you remain in Jerusalem under siege?

11 Isn't Hezekiah misleading you to give you over to death by famine and thirst when he says, 'The Lord our God will keep us from the grasp of the king of Assyria'?"

12 Didn't Hezekiah himself remove his high places and his altars and say to Judah and Jerusalem, "You must worship before one altar, and you must burn incense on it"?"

13 "'Don't you know what I and my predecessors have done to all the peoples of the lands? Have any of the national gods of the lands been able to rescue their land from my power?"

14 Who among all the gods of these nations that my predecessors completely destroyed was able to rescue his people from my power, that your God should be able to deliver you from my power?

15 So now, don't let Hezekiah deceive you, and don't let him mislead you like this. Don't believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to rescue his people from my power or the power of my predecessors. How much less will your God rescue you from my power!"

16 His servants said more against the Lord God and against his servant Hezekiah.

17 He also wrote letters to mock the Lord, the God of Israel, saying against him: Just like the national gods of the lands that did not rescue their people from my power, so Hezekiah's God will not rescue his people from my power.

18 Then they called out loudly in Hebrew[f] to the people of Jerusalem, who were on the wall, to frighten and discourage them in order that he might capture the city.

19 They spoke against the God of Jerusalem like they had spoken against the gods of the peoples of the earth, which were made by human hands.

20 King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz prayed about this and cried out to heaven,

21 and the Lord sent an angel who annihilated every valiant warrior, leader, and commander in the camp of the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria returned in disgrace to his land. He went to the temple of his god, and there some of his own children struck him down with the sword.

22 So the Lord saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the power of King Sennacherib of Assyria and from the power of all others. He gave them rest[g] on every side.

23 Many were bringing an offering to the Lord to Jerusalem and valuable gifts to King Hezekiah of Judah, and he was exalted in the eyes of all the nations after that.

In 705 B.C. a new king named Sennacherib, (his name meant "bramble of destruction") son of Sargon, began to occupy the throne of Assyria.

2Chron. 32:7-8 (CSB)

7 "BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS! Don't be afraid or discouraged before the king of Assyria or before the large army that is with him, for there are more with us than with him.

8 He has only human strength, but we have the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." So, the people RELIED ON THE WORDS OF KING Hezekiah of Judah.

NKJV - And the people WERE STRENGTHENED by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

NIV - And the people GAINED CONFIDENCE from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.

ESV - And the people TOOK CONFIDENCE from the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

MEV - So the people LEANED ON the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

Darby - And the people DEPENDED UPON the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

YLT - and the people ARE SUPPORTED BY the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (CSB) - Be strong and courageous; don't be terrified or afraid of them. For the Lord your God is the one who will go with you; he will not leave you or abandon you."

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 (CSB)

7 Moses then summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you will go with this people into the land the Lord swore to give to their ancestors. You will enable them to take possession of it.
8 The Lord is the one who will go before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or abandon you. Do not be afraid or discouraged."

Joshua 1:6-9 (CSB)

6 "Be strong and courageous, for you will distribute the land I swore to their ancestors to give them as an inheritance.

7 Above all, be strong and very courageous to observe carefully the whole instruction my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go.

8 This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.

9 Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 10:25 (CSB) - Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid or discouraged. Be strong and courageous, for the Lord will do this to all the enemies you fight."

1 Chronicles 22:13 (CSB) - Then you will succeed if you carefully follow the statutes and ordinances the Lord commanded Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid or discouraged.

1 Chronicles 28:20 (CSB) - Then David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He won't leave you or abandon you until all the work for the service of the Lord's house is finished.

Psalm 27:14 (CSB) - Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the Lord.

Psalm 31:24 (CSB) - Be strong, and let your heart be courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 16:13 (CSB) - Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.

2 Kings 19:10-13

10 "Say this to King Hezekiah of Judah: 'Don't let your God, ON WHOM YOU RELY, deceive you by promising that Jerusalem will not be handed over to the king of Assyria.

11 Look, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the countries: They completely destroyed them. Will you be rescued?

12 Did the gods of the nations that my predecessors destroyed rescue them—nations such as Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the Edenites in Telassar?

13 Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, or Ivvah?"

2 Kings 19:20 (CSB) - Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah: "The Lord, the God of Israel says, 'I have heard your prayer to me about King Sennacherib of Assyria.'

2 Kings 19:22-23a

22 Who is it you mocked and blasphemed? Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes in pride? Against the Holy One of Israel!
 23 You have mocked the Lord through your messengers.

2 Kings 19: 27-28

27 But I know your sitting down, your going out and your coming in, and your raging against me.

(Every breath you take and every move you make Every bond you break
 Every step you take I'll be watching you!
 Every single day and every word you say Every game you play Every night
 you stay I'll be watching you!)

2 Kings 19: 28 (CSB) - Because your raging against me and your arrogance have reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth; I will make you go back the way you came.

2 Kings 19:32-34 (CSB)

32 Therefore, this is what the Lord says about the king of Assyria: He will not enter this city, shoot an arrow here, come before it with a shield, or build up a siege ramp against it.

33 He will go back the way he came, and he will not enter this city. This is the Lord's declaration.

34 I will defend this city and rescue it for my sake and for the sake of my servant David."

2 Kings 19:35-37 (CSB)

35 That night the angel of the Lord went out and struck down one hundred eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies!

36 So King Sennacherib of Assyria broke camp and left. He returned home and lived in Nineveh.

37 One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword and escaped to the land of Ararat. Then his son Esar-haddon became king in his place.

Be **STRONG** and **COURAGEOUS**! Do not be afraid or discouraged because of (Fill in the blank) for there is a greater power with us than the enemy!

