

Ireland Christian Men's Camp 2018



Studying the Life Principles of

Hezekiah

*Winning Our War with
Better Weapons*

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TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN

Schedule of Events

Time	Duration	Main Function	Support Function
WEDNESDAY APRIL 4			
2:00pm		Start Arriving at Camp - Unpack and Start Dinner, Setup Time	
3:00pm	3:30 hr	Sports Time	
6:30pm	1:30 hr	Dinner (<i>Irish Stew</i>)	
8:00pm	1:30 hr	1st Session – Introduction to Hezekiah	Craig Ledbetter
9:30pm	2:00 hr	Fellowship Time and Sports Snack (<i>Tea, Coffee, biscuits</i>)	
11:30pm	8:00hrs	Sleep	
THURSDAY APRIL 5			
7:30am	1:00 hr	Wake-Up and Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	30 min	Quiet Time Devotions	
9:00am	1:15 hr	Breakfast (<i>Scrambled Eggs, Porridge, etc.</i>)	
10:15am	1:30 hr	2nd Session – A Man's First Priority	Declan Flannagan
11:45pm	1:15 hr	Lunch (<i>Soup & Sandwiches, etc.</i>)	
1:00pm	2:30 hr	Sports Time	
3:30pm	30 min	3rd Session – The Power of a Praying Godly Man	Dan Eberly
4:00pm	1:00 hr	Camp Prayer Time	
5:00pm	1:30 hr	Dinner (<i>Spaghetti Bolognese</i>)	
6:30pm	30 min	Break	
7:00pm	1:15 hr	4th - Why God Doesn't Answer Most Prayers	Craig Ledbetter
8:15pm	30mins	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
8:45pm	1:15 hr	5th Session – Spiritual Warfare 101	Craig Ledbetter
10:00pm	1:30 hr	Bonfire/Fellowship	
11:30pm	8:00hrs	Sleep	
FRIDAY APRIL 6			
7:30am	1:00 hr	Wake-Up and Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	30 min	Quiet Time Devotions	
9:00am	1:15 hr	Breakfast (<i>Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Porridge, etc.</i>)	
10:15am	1:30 hr	6th Session – The Deception of Pride	Dan Eberly
11:45am	15 min	Break	
12:00pm	1:15 hr	Lunch (<i>Hotdogs, chips, etc.</i>)	
1:15pm	3:45 hrs	Sports Time	
5:00pm	1:30 hr	Dinner (<i>BBQ Chicken, Roast Potatoes, etc.</i>)	
6:30pm	1:30 hr	7th Session – A Father's Influence	Andrew Day
8:00pm	30 mins	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
8:30pm	1:30 hr	8th Session – Win the War!	Layton Kelly
10:00pm	2:00 hr	Bonfire/Fellowship	
12:00am	7:30hrs	Sleep	
SATURDAY APRIL 7			
7:30am	1 hr	Wake-Up and Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	1 hr	Breakfast (<i>Porridge, Cereal, etc.</i>)	
9:30am	1:15 hr	9th Session – Popcorn Preaching & Testimonies All Men!	
10:45am	1:30 hr	Pack-up and clean-up	
12:15pm		Leave for Home	

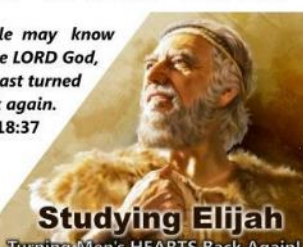
Men of Faith We Have Studied Through the Years

MEN'S CAMP 2015

That this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.
1 Kings 18:37

June 17-20
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€75 Adult
€45 Child


Studying Elijah
Turning Men's HEARTS Back Again!



MEN'S TRAINING CAMP


'Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.'
Proverbs 27:17

Studying the Life Principles of...
JONATHAN
APRIL 27-30, 2011
CAPPOQUIN, CO. WATERFORD



Lot... Making All the Wrong Choices!

Men's Camp 2014




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2006
Muckross Venture Centre, Killarney

Studying the Life Principles of:

Jonah

"When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD"
Jonah 2:7

Doing the Will of God from the Heart!
(Ephesians 6:6)




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2008
Bandon Faith Mission Camp
27th - 29th March, 2008

Studying the Life Principles of Job

Job


"The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."
Job 1:21

Holding Fast in Times of Trial



DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN

I have fought a good fight... 2 Timothy 4:7




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2009
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Studying the Life Principles of
Joshua

Joshua

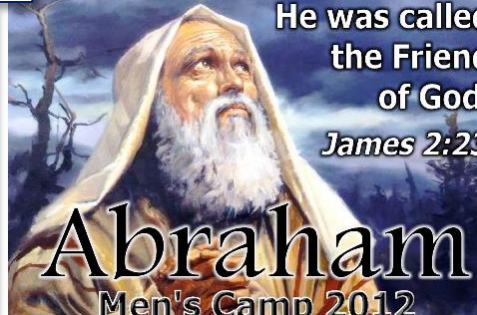
"But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see."
Deuteronomy 3:28

Preparing to Lead



He was called the Friend of God.
James 2:23

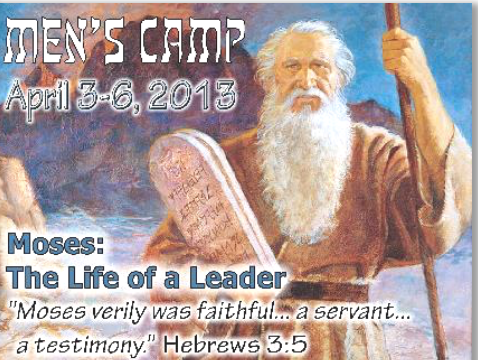
Abraham
Men's Camp 2012



MEN'S CAMP
April 3-6, 2013

Moses: The Life of a Leader

"Moses verily was faithful... a servant... a testimony." Hebrews 3:5



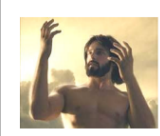
Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2010
Mt Melleray Scouting Centre

Studying the Life Principles of
Adam

Adam

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
Galatians 6:7


Taking Responsibility



MEN'S TRAINING CAMP

'Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.'
Proverbs 27:17

Studying the Life Principles of...
JONATHAN
APRIL 27-30, 2011
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MEN of FAITH




Men's Spiritual Retreat 2003
Muckross Venture Centre, Killarney

Theme:
Being Faithful Men!


"He must increase, but I must decrease."
John 3:30

Studying the Life Principles of:
John the Baptist



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Studying the Life Principles of

Noah
The Man With A Mission!



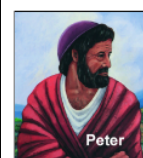
Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2007
Bandon Faith Mission Camp

Studying the Life Principles of:

Peter

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."
Luke 22:31,32

Old Habits Die Hard!
But the CAN die... on the cross!



Retreat Room Layout Map



The Hezekiah Song

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Bible Baptist Church Music

When the days were dark, and men's hearts were so hard,
Hezekiah, decided to stand.
He patterned his life like king David of old,
And enjoyed the good blessings that come from God's hand;
The blessings that come from God's hand.

The first thing this new king would set out to do,
Was tear down all the idols galore.
And lead all the people to repent of their sin,
And worship the God they so long had ignored;
The God they so long had ignored.

Revivals prepare us for facing each war,
That our enemy constantly plans.
God has given His Angel, and weapons to fight,
That are mighty through God and the blood of the Lamb;
Through God and the blood of the Lamb.



Chorus

So, let's fight with weapons, that are not of this world -
With the armour and the power of prayer.
When we tear down our strongholds, then God will surprise us...
With victories that show that our God is still there;
He's the God we can prove is still there.

In the end, Hezekiah was defeated by pride.
He forgot, how his battles were won.
What Sennacherib's army was unable to do,
A man's pride can undo all the work God has done;
Defeat all the work God has done.

Final Chorus

So, let's fight with weapons, that are not of this world -
With the armour and the power of prayer.
When we tear down our strongholds, then God will surprise us...
With victories that show that our God is still there;
He's the God we can prove is still there!

We Need More Godly Men

Where have all the godly men gone? Where are the ones who have committed themselves to firmly obeying God's Word? It is up to us who have surrendered ourselves to God, to lead and encourage others to also make that same commitment. Many men simply need some help. A born-again believer in Christ, standing firm on the word of God has a responsibility to encourage and help all our brothers to be focused on becoming, and remaining godly men.

What does it mean to be a godly man? Simply put, it is living a life with the Lord Jesus Christ in control of our words, actions and our every decision! Anybody can "act" like a man, but only when someone yields to Christ's authority over their lives, will a man start to **live** godly! Godly men don't leave the raising of their families to the wife, or to the school, or even to the church – they personally lead their families in a humble walk with God! They grow in their own faith, and that results in their family also growing in their own faith. Godly men love their Lord, their wife, their children, and their calling, whatever God asks them to do and be.

A godly man is firmly devoted to his family. The godly man doesn't leave his children, break-up the family unit, or go out seeking another woman to be his companion. His wife is precious in his eyes and their marriage is a lifelong commitment. For a godly man there is no thought of shattering his family to pursue other interests. All of his personal interests are now always connected with his family.

Godly fathers have decided to be the example that their children will follow. Children are not fooled; many dads talk the religious talk, but when it comes to walking the walk, they constantly stumble, and their children notice. Gentlemen, are you reading your Bible, and obeying it, or... is your real interest in sports, movies, hobbies and your work? Children living in that type of household grow up totally rejecting the whole idea of following Jesus Christ. A son naturally looks to his father to learn to be a man. If that father does not take obeying God seriously then the son will not take God seriously either. A daughter looks to her father to understand what a husband should be. If her father compromises his role as a godly husband, the daughter will compromise in her choice of a husband. Is that what you want?

Men, we are raising the next generation, and for this reason we must stand up for Jesus Christ in our lives NOW while our children are young and allow them to witness first hand our faith and our love for Christ as we love them and as we publicly demonstrate our love for our wives. Too many families have been torn apart.

Every man and boy has the potential to grow to be a godly man. It's just a matter of just one person in their home being godly - learning the strong truths of God and then putting those precepts into place. Will YOU be that one person?

This weekend, tear down every idol that is stopping you from being godly. Because this world, our churches, and especially our families need to see more godly men!

If You Believe the Bible... then, You're Not Alone!

These are many of the Bible believing Pastors and Churches here in Ireland
Thank God for these truly Faithful Men – God's Men!

No one is in Killarney

No one is in Athy

No one is in Kildare

No one is in Carlow

No one is in Dundalk

No one is in Ballina

No one is in Tralee

No one is in Tipperary

No one is in Youghal

No one is in Clonmel

No one is in Wexford

No one is in Port Laoise

No one is in Sligo

No one is in Ennis

No one is in Castlebar

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Fellowship, Mallow

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Offally

Pastor Eberly
Macroom Bible Study

Pastor Tharp
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Drogheda

Pastor O'Keeffe
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Pastor Flanagan
Lighthouse
Baptist, Swords

Pastor O'Sullivan
Blanchardstown
Baptist

Pastor
Canavan
Hope Baptist,
Dundrum

Pastor David
O'Gorman
Lifegate Baptist
Tallaght

Pastor McKinley
Good News
Baptist,
Mullingar

Pastor Zemeski
Riverview
Baptist, Leixslip

Pastor Hill
Gospel Light
Baptist, Lucan

Pastor Parrow
Naas Baptist,
Naas

Pastor Pero
Calvary Baptist
Bray

Pastor Oriel
O'Gorman
Arklow Baptist,
Arklow

Pastor Bowman
Golden Vale
Baptist, Charleville

Pastor Hamilton
An Carraig
Baptist, Limerick

Pastor Smith
Calvary Baptist,
Bishopstown,

Pastor Thatcher
Anchor Baptist,
Waterford

Who else will join us to reach this island with the Gospel?

Introducing the Life of King Hezekiah

2 Kings 16-21; 2 Chronicles 28-33; Isaiah 36-39



In order to understand the man that Hezekiah was, you need to view the world through his eyes. In many ways, his world was very different than ours today. There was no technology and electronics. There wasn't even electricity! Most people were illiterate and lived simple lives. Life expectancy was about 40-60 years old. The land that Hezekiah was born in was the county of Judah, which used to be of the nation of Israel. Eleven generations before Hezekiah was born, the nation of Israel was composed of twelve tribes united as one nation. Rehoboam had succeeded his father Solomon as the king of Israel. Early in Rehoboam's reign, Jeroboam, a man exiled by king Solomon, approached the king and asked how he would

rule his people. Rehoboam took counsel with the older generation and his peers and decided to do the counsel of his peers and to have a harsher rule on the people than his father had. Jeroboam then persuaded the people to rebel against Rehoboam and 10 of the 12 tribes declared allegiance to Jeroboam, leaving Rehoboam the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. In order to keep the people from worshipping in Jerusalem and in fear they would join Rehoboam again, Jeroboam made two golden calves and made the people worship them and turned the people away from God. Since that day until the days of Hezekiah's father, Ahaz, Israel had become split into two nations. Israel, or the Northern Ten Tribes, also called Samaria, was one nation, and Judah became the other nation. The kings of Israel were wicked and followed the footsteps of Jeroboam. Judah had many good and righteous kings, but some were wicked as well and turned the people away from God. Decades went on until we come to the reign of Ahaz over Judah.

The Reign of Ahaz: Hezekiah's father Ahaz began to rule when he was 20 years old and he was a very wicked king. His father, Jotham, was a good and righteous king who loved God, yet feared going into the temple. When Jotham died, Ahaz became king and desired the pagan ways of northern Israel. He made molten images for Baalim, sacrificed his children to Molech, among other atrocities. Because of his sin and leading the people of Judah away from God, He brought Syria against Ahaz. Syria attacked Judah and took many people captive to Damascus. Also, the northern tribes of Israel attacked, killing Ahaz's son Maaseiah and slew 120,000 valiant men in one day because they had forsaken God. Edom and the Philistines also invaded Judah, along with Syria again, so Ahaz made league with the nation of Assyria for help. To buy their allegiance, he took all the silver and gold that was in Solomon's temple, as well as the treasures in the king's palace and gave it to Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria. Ahaz removed the altar in the temple to another place and replaced it with an altar he saw in Damascus and commanded offerings burnt on that instead. Because Syria was so strong against him, he believed it



was because of their god and not because he had forsaken the LORD. So, Ahaz built altars to the gods of Damascus in the court of Solomon's temple and barred the doors of the temple. After reigning for 16 years, Ahaz died and slept with his fathers, but was not buried with the kings of the past.

Hezekiah Becomes King: Hezekiah began reigning when he was 25 years old and would reign for 29 years. As a young man, he decided to follow in the footsteps of his fore-father, King David. He desired to be a godly king and to worship the God of Heaven and all of Creation. He did not allow his upbringing by his idolatrous father influence his heart to follow the gods of the world in his day.



As king of Judah, in the very first month of the first year of his reign he removed the bars across the doors of the temple that his father put in place and opened up the house of the Lord to worship God once again. He then repaired the temple and brought the priests and Levites back to their duties within the temple. He then had them remove the idols that his father and some of the previous kings and set up in the temple. Hezekiah was desirous in

his heart to make a covenant with God to serve Him and restore worship at the temple once again. The priests and Levites followed Hezekiah's lead and they sanctified and prepared themselves for service once again to the LORD God. It took the Levites eight days to clear out the temple of all of the idols and images of evil put within it. They also repaired and remade the broken or missing instruments used in the temple and for worship. When the Levites were finished and reported to the king, Hezekiah rose early the next day, along with the rulers of the city, and went and offered the burn offering and sin offering sacrifices to the Lord for atonement for the sin of all of the Israelites. Hezekiah then set in order the Levites for music that king David had commanded. As the offerings were made, the Levites began to play their instruments and the singers sang with all of their heart in adoration to God. Revival had begun in Judah and it started with king Hezekiah. Hezekiah then told the Levites and those in attendance to bring thank offerings to the Lord, and as many as were of a free heart brought burnt offerings of praise and adoration to God. The people ended up bringing 70 bullocks, 100 rams, and 200 lambs. Hezekiah rejoiced to see his people return in their hearts to worship God.

Passover Celebrated: Hezekiah then wrote letters to all Israel and Judah, especially to the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh to come to the house of the Lord (Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem), and to keep the Passover celebration. The response of many was that the messengers were laughed to scorn about worshipping the Lord God. But, some did come from the tribes of Ephraim, Issachar, Asher, Zebulun, and Manasseh that wanted to worship and return to a relationship with God. The people of Judah though all turned away from their idols and sin and with one heart desired to do the commandment of the king.

At Jerusalem there assembled a vast number of people to celebrate the Passover. The people took away all of the altars in Jerusalem and cast them into the brook Kidron. They then had a massive feast and celebration. Not everyone was purified according to the law

and sanctified to be able to participate of the Passover, but Hezekiah prayed that God would forgive those who were not clean, but whose heart was prepared to seek the Lord God. God heard Hezekiah's prayer and healed the people. Revival had truly begun and the hearts of the children of Israel turned towards the Lord and away from their sinful desires. The feast was kept for seven days and with great gladness. The Levites taught the scriptures to those attending and praised the Lord day by day with singing and loud instruments. People were getting their lives right with God in such a multitude of numbers that Hezekiah decided to extend the feast for another seven days! There was great joy in Jerusalem once again, for since the time of Solomon there was no celebration like it in Jerusalem.

When the Passover was finished, the people whose heart was revived to serve the Lord God alone and turn from their idolatry went throughout the cities of Judah and removed the idols and places of worship of the false gods that were built by the people and Hezekiah's earlier fore-fathers. It didn't end just in Judah but continued throughout the lands of the tribe of Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Hezekiah even broke in pieces the serpent that Moses had made, for people even began to worship that as a god. Hezekiah's heart was solely for the Lord God of Israel and he desired to keep the commandments that God gave to Moses. The people then went back to their homes and continued their lives for the Lord.



Hezekiah's Reforms: Since the temple had been abandoned and no one worshipping God there since the days of Jotham, 20 years earlier, the people had stopped supplying the needs of the priests at the Temple. Hezekiah made a decree that the people bring their tithes to the temple, and immediately the people responded and brought an abundance of the first fruits of corn, wine, oil, honey, and the increase of the things from the fields. The tithes kept coming in from the people for the next four months! Hezekiah and the princes were in amazement how the Lord had blessed His people and how the people had responded to the need to take care of the priests of the Lord. So much had come in that Hezekiah had storage area's built next to the temple.

Because his heart was right and followed the Lord fully and passionately with all his heart, the Lord blessed all that Hezekiah desired to do and prospered his reign. His father had sold the land of Judah to the Assyrians years earlier and put bondage upon the people of Judah. Hezekiah desired to help his people and rebelled against Assyria and freed the people from servitude.

Assyria Attacks Samaria: In the fourth year of Hezekiah's reign, Samaria (Israel), was attacked by Shalmaneser, king of Assyria. After three years of war, Samaria fell and was taken into captivity, as Isaiah prophesied would happen. The sin of Israel was great. For many generations they refused to obey God and hardened their necks and heart against anything the prophets declared to them to bring their hearts back to God. They instead built molten images, worshipped Baal, sacrificed their children to idols, and used witchcraft. They intentionally desired to provoke God to anger, and as God promised them in Deuteronomy 28:15-57 judgment arose, and Samaria was conquered and brought to a foreign land, Assyria.

Assyria Attacks Judah: A new king arose in Assyria named Sennacherib. He decided to make war against Judah seven years after the captivity of Samaria to Assyria. He succeeded in capturing all the fenced cities of Judah, until he came to Jerusalem. Sadly, Hezekiah sent a message to Sennacherib that Hezekiah was the one who offended the king and that he would pay whatever the king asked for if he would leave Judah alone. Sennacherib demanded 300 talents of silver and 30 talents of gold. Hezekiah took all the silver that was found in the temple of Solomon and his own house, as well as cutting off the gold from the doors of the temple and from the pillars. Hezekiah sent it away believing he had saved his people from destruction.

Knowing that he bought his people some time before Sennacherib would return, Hezekiah prepared his people and those in Jerusalem for an attack. He strengthened the walls and towers of Jerusalem, prepared weapons and shields, and trained captains of war. Though he prepared his people for war, he brought the people and his captains together and told them to be strong, courageous, to not be afraid of the king of Assyria and his army. He declared to his people that he believed there was more with him than with Sennacherib. Sennacherib had the strength of flesh, but they had the Lord God to help them and would fight for them. The people then rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah and would not be afraid of Sennacherib. They trusted in the faith their king had in his God.

In the 14th year of Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib did end up sending some of his army once again to Jerusalem, led by men by the name of Tartan, Rab-saris, and Rab-shakeh. With Jerusalem surrounded, the men approached the gate of the upper pool and began calling for king Hezekiah. Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah, men of authority under King Hezekiah, came to the walls to hear what these Assyrians had to say. Rab-shakeh began to speak, telling them to tell the king his words. Mockingly, he asked them who were they trusting in to protect them from the mightiest army of the great Assyrian Empire, the greatest empire of the known world at the time. He asked them if Hezekiah was trusting upon Egypt, who was like a bruised reed, ready to break under pressure. Then he began to laugh as he asked if they'd rely upon the God of Israel, whose altars and high places Hezekiah had removed, and had decreed that Solomon's Temple was the only place they could worship. Rab-shakeh's manner turned hostile then, and he demanded that as a gift to his king, that Hezekiah give 2,000 people to become Sennacherib's slaves.



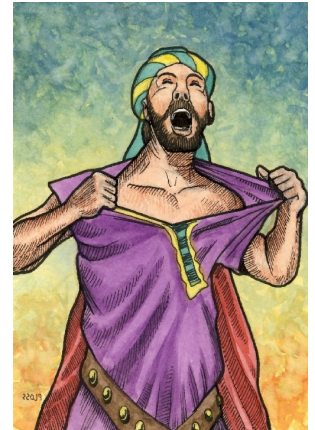
The three Jewish men did not want the people to hear Rab-shakeh's demands and asked him to speak in the Syrian language. Rab-shakeh refused and cried out even louder in the Jew's language and that his king sent him to declare his words to the people, to put them to fear of the might of Assyria. He cried out for them not to trust the word of Hezekiah and that Hezekiah could not save them, nor to trust in God and that God can deliver them from Sennacherib's power. He was roaring like a lion, trying to put fear into the people and for them to lose heart from following their God.

Rab-shakeh then devised another strategy of demoralizing the people of Jerusalem that heard his words. He then offered them an opportunity to leave their homes and to come to

a land like Judah, but so much better. He promised that their lives would be spared and would be so much better than what they were living now. All they had to do was surrender and to not listen to Hezekiah or to his God. With great subtleness, he declared how the gods of the surrounding cities and nations could not stand before the power of Sennacherib, and that God almighty could not deliver Jerusalem.

As Rab-shakeh finished speaking, the people held their peace, and none did answer, per Hezekiah's command. Jerusalem was surrounded, and no hope was in sight. With clothes rent from grief and distress, Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah went to the king and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

Hezekiah's Response: When Hezekiah heard the report, his response revealed the man of faith that he was. His first reaction wasn't to rouse up the soldiers in Jerusalem to fight, nor take inventory of their supplies for a siege. He did not call his counsellors and generals of war. His first reaction was humbling himself before his God. He tore his regal clothing in a sign of great distress and put on sackcloth, the basest of clothing. He then sent Eliakim and Shebna, also covered in sackcloth to the great prophet of God, Isaiah.



When they approached Isaiah and informed him of all that had happened on the walls and the words of Rab-shakeh. They then relayed the request of the king, for Isaiah to pray for them. Isaiah then told them that God had an answer already to their prayer, and that God had heard the words of Rab-shakeh. He told them to not fear the words and told them what would happen next, and that Rab-shakeh and the army would soon depart to Assyria. The men returned to Hezekiah with this great news from Isaiah and to keep trusting in the Lord, and to not give in to Rab-shakeh's demands.

True enough, Isaiah's prophecy from God came true. Rab-shakeh was informed of a rumour of war and that Sennacherib needed help with his war with Libnah. He departed Jerusalem with his armies and went to join the battle. As further intimidation, he sent letters to Hezekiah telling him that his trust in God was worthless and that he would be back to take over Jerusalem.

When Hezekiah read the letters from the messengers, he went to the temple and spread them before the Lord and prayed. Hezekiah knew he did not have the strength himself to deliver his people from the hand of Sennacherib. He knew that Jerusalem was not powerful enough to fight and withstand the armies of Assyria. He knew that this battle was a battle he could not fight himself and in his own power. This was a battle that God alone could win. As Hezekiah prayed, he glorified God and praised His holy name. He asked, not demanded, that God would see and hear the words of blasphemy by Sennacherib and that God would deliver His people from Sennacherib's hand, so that all the world would know that God was the only God. His prayer was simple, and God listened to every word.



Divine Deliverance: Isaiah sent Hezekiah a message from God, that his prayer was heard, and that God would deliver Jerusalem from Assyria. Isaiah also revealed God's words towards Sennacherib, and that as powerful as Sennacherib was, he was insignificant compared to God's power. God also revealed that there was a rage within Sennacherib against God, and that God was not afraid of him, and instead would use him as an example to what happens to the enemies of God. God promised to Hezekiah that no Assyrian soldier, arrow, or shield would enter Jerusalem. God declared to Hezekiah that God would defend Jerusalem for His own sake and for the sake of His servant David.

God did not send an army of another nation to defend His city. He did not hurl down great stones or rain fire from heaven. He did not send an earthquake or tornado. The only thing that God sent was one single angel. When the Assyrian army woke up the next morning, they discovered 185,000 of their fellow soldiers, all of their mighty men of valour, and all of their leaders were slain. After the chaos of discovering what happened, the Assyrian army retreated, and Jerusalem was delivered. Sennacherib, humiliated and defeated, returned to Nineveh, his capital city. As he went to worship in the temple of his god, Nisroch, his sons rose up and slew him with a sword. With their father now dead, they fled to Armenia.

Hezekiah Becomes Ill: Sometime after the deliverance of Jerusalem from Sennacherib, Hezekiah fell ill with a type of boil or sore. Isaiah came with a message to the palace to deliver the sad news that God had said that Hezekiah would die from this sickness and to set his house in order. As Hezekiah heard these words, his heart broke and he turned himself to the wall and prayed and greatly lamented and sincerely wept that his life was ending, though he had been faithful and desired the things of God all of his life. As Isaiah was walking out of the palace that God told him to go back to Hezekiah and to tell him that God heard his prayer and saw his tears, and that God was going to heal him and give him 15 more years to his life. Hezekiah desired a sign from God that He would perform His word. God through Isaiah asked what of two signs would he desire, either the shadow of the sundial (used to tell time in those days) to go forward or backward ten degrees. Both were impossible things to happen, and Hezekiah chose the harder of the two – the shadow going backwards ten degrees. Isaiah cried unto the Lord about what Hezekiah chose and God brought the shadow of the sun back 10 degrees.



Hezekiah's Pride & Foolishness: So, for the next fifteen years of Hezekiah's life were they full of zeal and serving the Lord with all of his heart and soul. Sadly, they weren't. Something happened during those fifteen years that took the wind out of the walk with God that Hezekiah had. The Lord even gave him more children, Manasseh being one of them, and blessed him with peace and prosperity. Yet, his heart was not towards God like it was in his youth. Hezekiah became prouder of his reign over Judah and what God had blessed him with. Insomuch that he let his guard down.

One day, Merodachbaladan, the son of the king of a nation called Babylon sent messengers and gifts to Hezekiah. News had come to this prince about Hezekiah being sick, and so he

used this as an opportunity for himself to learn about Hezekiah. When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah was delighted to have them visit and enjoyed their gift. He then showed the messengers all of the precious and priceless things in his house, all of the silver and gold in his treasury, his armoury, and everything that was of value to him. Hezekiah showed them everything that he had, perhaps to try to impress this foreign prince that he was a somebody as well, and not just a king of a backwater kingdom.

As the messengers left, Isaiah the prophet came to Hezekiah and asked him who the men were and why they had come to call. When he heard the news that they were sent from Babylon and that he had showed them everything of his wealth and power, God spoke to Isaiah. Isaiah then gave Hezekiah a message from the Lord that said that everything he showed to the messengers would one day be taken by the king of Babylon, and that his children's descendants would be taken away and be forced to serve the king as eunuchs.



When Hezekiah heard the coming judgment upon his kingdom, did he repent and ask God to change His mind and to preserve his kingdom? No. Hezekiah's heart had cooled off in his zeal for the Lord. His reaction revealed the condition of his heart and that it revealed it was overcome by apathy. His response to Isaiah was that the word of the Lord was good and that he was glad peace and truth was during his reign. He was not concerned about what would happen to his kingdom after he was gone. He was happy enough that everything went well while he was alive but had no desire to make an impact on Judah's future generations, including his own children.

Hezekiah's Death and Manasseh's Reign: As God promised, at the end of the 15 years, Hezekiah died. Of all of his children, his son Manasseh was chosen to succeed him as King. Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign. He did not know the zeal for God that his father had before he was born. Manasseh grew up watching a father whose heart was not zealous and who no longer walked with God like he did before. The reflection of Hezekiah's faith showed Manasseh that there must be a better God out there worth serving and worshipping than his father's half-hearted attempt.

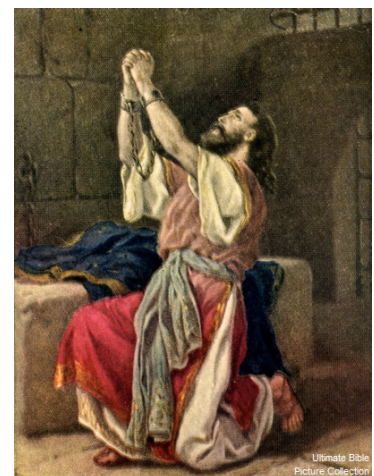


When he became old enough to reign without any other influence on his rule, he turned his heart away from following God. He completely embraced the philosophy and worship of the world. He did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, more so than any current nation around them. The evilness of his reign was like the Canaanites before they were removed from the land by Joshua. Manasseh built up all of the altars that his father removed. He made altars to Baal and worshipped all of the host of heaven – the sun, moon, stars, angels, and planets. He then built altars in the court of the temple. His worship did not end with just building altars. He even sacrificed his children and made them pass through the fire – burned alive in worship to Molech.

Manasseh became a very evil and wicked man. Killing his son as a sacrifice was just the beginning. He became involved with Satanic forces and the occult. He used wizards and enchantments, and demonic spirits. He persecuted anyone who believed in the LORD God, in so much that he made Jerusalem to be filled with innocent blood from one end of the city to the other. (2 Kings 21:16). Manasseh's own heart was against God, but it didn't end there. As his father turned the nation back to God, Manasseh turned the heart of the people against God and to forsake Him. He seduced them to do more evil than any of the nations that existed before Joshua and the Israelites arrived. Child sacrifice became common. Witchcraft and satanic rituals were widespread. Sexual immorality was rampant. The people embraced sin and did whatever lust that came into their heart. The sin of the people was so grievous to the Lord that God decided that His judgment would indeed come and that He would destroy Jerusalem and wipe it off the map as a great city.

God's Judgment & Manasseh's Repentance: Assyria attacked once again and took Manasseh as prisoner. They humiliated him by putting him in thorns and chains and took him to Babylon. It was during his time in Babylon, that he realised what his sin had brought upon him and his kingdom. It was then that Manasseh repented and cried out to God. He turned to the Lord with all of his heart. God forgave him and brought him back to his kingdom. For the rest of his life, he sought to reverse the wickedness that he had committed in his past. He took away all the idols he had built and cast them out of the city. He repaired the altar of the Lord and only allowed sacrifices there. The people that he turned away from God saw his change of heart and life and desired the same for their lives and turned back to the Lord. Though Manasseh did not start right, he turned toward the Lord and finished right. His desire never faded like his father's, and would one day impact his grandson, Josiah, one of the greatest kings like David.

The life of Hezekiah is one that applies to all of us today. We can see what a sold out believer can do for God, and how it affects those around them to also serve God. Instead of relying upon his own might to fight his battles, he relied upon the Lord for his strength. He gave the battles to God to fight. Hezekiah brought revival to the people of Judah and Jerusalem, insomuch, it hadn't been seen in such a way since the days of King Asa, Hezekiah's fore-father. But his life is also a warning to us today as well. As Hezekiah grew older, he became more complacent and proud. His zeal cooled off. He still worshipped and loved God, but it no longer had the power of influencing those around him, and caused his son to turn away from God. The longer we serve God, we must be on guard that our pride does not get victories over our walk with God and that we stay in a humble relationship with the Lord. It is easy to cool off in our zeal, and the ones it has the greatest effect upon is our children. The things we do with limits, our children will do in excess. Today is the day to decide to be a godly man like Hezekiah in his youth. Don't let your zeal for the Lord be dampened by the world and those around you. They are waiting to see a real relationship with God. Strive to be the man who starts right and finishes right!



A Load of Scriptures to Memorize

Meditate on these throughout the Camp for best effect on your mind and heart!

<p>2 Kings 19:19 WARFARE <i>O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.</i></p>	<p>Romans 15:4 LEARNING <i>For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.</i></p>
<p>Micah 6:8 WALK WITH GOD <i>He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 59:2 PRAYER <i>But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.</i></p>
<p>1 John 3:22 PRAYER <i>And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.</i></p>	<p>Jeremiah 33:3 PRAYER <i>Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.</i></p>
<p>Psalms 34:4 PRAYER <i>I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.</i></p>	<p>Zechariah 4:6 WARFARE <i>Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.</i></p>
<p>2 Kings 19:14 WARFARE <i>And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.</i></p>	<p>Ephesians 6:13 WARFARE <i>Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.</i></p>
<p>2 Corinthians 10:3,4 WARFARE <i>For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)</i></p>	<p>Psalms 71:18 INFLUENCE <i>Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.</i></p>
<p>2 Kings 6:16 WARFARE <i>And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.</i></p>	<p>Deuteronomy 6:6,7 INFLUENCE <i>And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.</i></p>
<p>Ephesians 6:4 INFLUENCE <i>And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.</i></p>	<p>1 Corinthians 9:24 WIN <i>Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.</i></p>
<p>Proverbs 16:5 PRIDE <i>Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD</i></p>	

A Man's Quiet Time

How Does a Real Man Walk with His God?

Please read this simple explanation of how to prepare your heart for a daily serious time with God through His word. It will make all the difference in the world to come humbly before the throne of grace. **Hebrews 4:16**. We need God's help!

Start with Prayer! Find yourself a place every day to get alone with God. Remember **Matthew 6:6** "*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet...*" It is when we are *by ourselves* seeking the Lord that we hear His still, small voice. Start with opening your heart to God. Allow Him to do an inspection of what is in your thoughts and feelings. **Psalm 139:23** says, "*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.*" Be honest with yourself, and honest with God. Ask God to search for any sins you may have buried in your heart. **Psalm 139:24** says, "*See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*" David, realizing he had sinned against God, asked for a cleansing. God wants us all very clean in our hearts! **Psalm 51:2** says, "*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*" Let God cleanse your life as you do the following three things: **1. Acknowledge** - admit the sins He reveals are there in your heart. **2. Confess** - admit that you have sinned before an all holy God. **3. Forsake** - leave each sin, abandoning everything that has separated you from God. Decide by God's power to quit doing the same sins that God reveals to you in your quiet time, and has already forgiven, and cleansed you from. Remember the Lord's promise - **1 John 1:9** "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*"

Humble yourself. The Bible says in **Isaiah 57:15a**, "*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit...*" We have a great need every day to humble ourselves as we prepare to walk with God. This means there must be a **personal brokenness** to cause us to always depend upon the Lord. God wants to fully "dwell" in our heart, but He will not force His way in, nor will He honour a sinful, wicked heart. Once your heart is clean, tell God you are coming under His perfect authority, and that you want to obey Him all day long. God desires to fellowship with you, but only with the right attitude!

Tell God what you need! Cast all your worries, cares, and every need upon Almighty God. He loves to answer our impossible prayers! He delights to have our strength renewed in our daily walk with Him. Believe God wants to give you a peace and strength far beyond what we are used to. So, pray about everything! Real men don't fight, get angry, frustrated, and defeated when things don't work out. Real men, pray and trust God to do for them everything they themselves cannot do!

Read at least two chapters every day from Genesis to Revelation in your Bible!

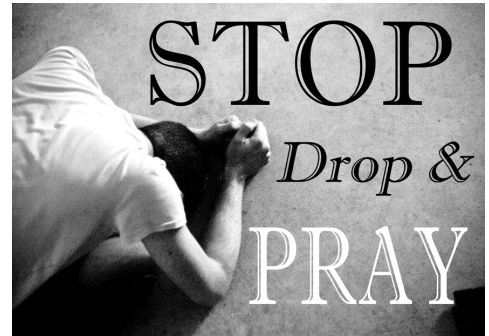
Finally, Thank Him for His Blessings - Read and meditate on these verses. **Philippians 4:6** "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*" **Colossians 4:2** "*Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.*" We have got a lot to be thankful for. Praise Him for His goodness to you! Write some blessings on your heart and mind right now.

And now Go, and have a great walk with the Lord... Today and EVERY day!

Effectual Prayer Time

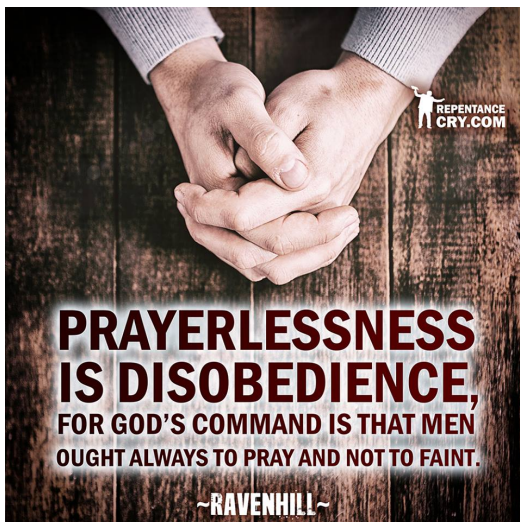
The Purpose of our prayer time: To pray for camp, preaching, reaching Ireland with the gospel, churches, and specific needs

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak"
Ephesians 6:18-20



"I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach."

Charles Spurgeon



Prayer is an essential part of our spiritual armour. Not only is it a covering of protection, but it is an assault weapon that goes against the enemy's territory. Believers who want to walk in spiritual revival, blessing, power, and fruit must make much of prayer. There must be a daily "**prayer closet.**" There **MUST** be a daily walk in continual prayer. There must be prayer partners. There must be corporate prayer, and the more the better. Too many of us trust in the power of the speaker rather than the power of God.

1. We must pray with **watching**. This refers to watching over the saints in intercessory prayer. It is an assault on the enemy and his territory. It is spiritual warfare, which is why intercessory prayer is often difficult, and we are tempted to stop engaging in it.
2. We must pray with **perseverance**, without growing faint, and quitting. This is one of the most important principles of effectual prayer (**Luke 18:1-5**)
3. We must pray with plain **requests**. Effectual intercessory prayer asks for specific things. It is not, "Lord, bless all of the missionaries," but, "Lord, the Jones's in Uganda need protection and strength for their new outreach....."
4. We must seek prayer **partners** (**Ephesians 6:19**). Paul frequently asked for prayer, and he specified exactly what he needed. **See also: Romans 15:30-32; Philippians 1:19; Colossians 4:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Philemon 1:22; & Hebrews 13:18-19**

"Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still."

E.M. Bounds

Prayer List



“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint” Luke 18:1

This list can be used every time we get together to pray, and should be added to as we learn of needs and requests.

List the Lost that need to be saved (2 Peter 3:9) **“God is not willing that any should perish...”**

_____	_____
_____	_____
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List Area For Christian Growth (2 Peter 3:18) **“but grow in grace”**

_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

List Areas of Special Needs (Health, and Family concerns) **“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”** Psalm 50:15

_____	_____
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_____	_____
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_____	_____

What Are Your Church Needs? (your Pastor, the many who help serve...) **“and pray one for another”** James 5:16

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List Anything Else – like YOUR own needs here... **“ye have not, because ye ask not”** James 4:2

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Thursday Devotion - Scripture Word Study

Write out in your own words what you think each word or phrase below means. To do that, you will need to look up each memory verse in your Bible, and then try and think about what the specific word or phrase listed below in the verse means and is talking about. If you don't know, ask someone else. The goal is to not just memorise them, but learn the meaning of the Scriptures we are memorising!

2 Kings 19:19

save _____

Romans 15:4

aforetime _____

learning _____

hope _____

Micah 6:8

what is good _____

require _____

to do justly _____

to love mercy _____

to walk humbly with thy God _____

Isaiah 59:2

your iniquities _____

he will not hear _____

1 John 3:22

whatsoever we ask _____

things that are pleasing in his sight _____

Jeremiah 33:3

Call unto me _____

will answer _____

Psalms 34:4

sought _____

Zechariah 4:6

not by might _____

nor by power _____

by my spirit _____

hosts _____

2 Kings 19:14

the house of the LORD _____

spread it before the LORD _____

Ephesians 6:13

take unto you _____

the whole armour of God _____

withstand _____

the evil day _____

done all _____

to stand _____

2 Corinthians 10:3, 4

walk in the flesh _____

not carnal _____

mighty _____

pulling down of strong holds _____

Psalms 71:18

old and grayheaded _____

this generation _____

Ephesians 6:4

fathers _____

provoke not _____

nurture _____

admonition of the Lord _____

Deuteronomy 6:6,7

these words _____

teach them diligently _____

talk of them _____

2 Kings 6:16

with us _____

with them _____

Proverbs 16:5

Every one _____

proud in heart _____

abomination _____

1 Corinthians 9:24

so run _____

the prize _____

Friday Morning Devotion - Pride

Pride's Destructive Power

Proverbs 6:16,17a

Pride is having an exaggerated view of yourself; believing that you have superior talents, better looks, wealth, accomplishments, and position over other people.

It is thinking more highly of yourself than you ought. See Romans 12:3, *"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to _____ man that is among you, _____ to think of himself _____ than he ought to think."* Lucifer himself was cast down from his high place above the throne of God simply because he believed he was as important as _____ (Isaiah 14:12-14)! Are you aware of just how much pride is in YOU? Pride is deadly! Pride has the power to destroy anyone's life, family, and ministry. It can soil and ruin the most dedicated and committed Christian life.



Check Your Thinking: Take an honest evaluation and see if any of the attitudes listed below are evident in your thinking. You HAVE to tick at least ONE of the following!

- Do you spend a lot of time criticizing and finding fault in others instead of in yourself?
- Do you usually have a harsh spirit / bad attitude? Have you noticed these in yourself?
- Are you always on the defensive as if under attack? Remember king Saul's view of David.
- Do you presume upon God? Do you expect that God is always on YOUR side?
- Are you desperate for attention, and honour? Constantly looking for a pat on the back?
- Do you only really care for yourself and neglect others (like your family, or Church)?
- Do you believe that you are doing pretty good managing your thinking and attitudes?
- Do you lie and cover your sins so that you don't have to be in trouble?

All of the above are the OPPOSITE of a Christ-like life.

Do you realise that...

1. **God HATES and FIGHTS against the proud!** *"God _____ the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."* James 4:6. He probably is fighting against YOU right now.
2. **Pride is the source of MOST of a man's ruin!** It is the reason why men do NOT humble themselves and get right after they have sinned against God and others, and so their sins build up, and up, and up, and become harder to ever break down, and end up like a timebomb, destroying everyone and every relationship around them!
3. **Pride is invisible to the one who has it.** Jeremiah 17:9 says, *"The heart is _____ above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"* Your heart will lie to you and tell you that you do NOT have a problem with pride, and that the problem is only with someone or something else!

What do we do? It must be conquered daily.

1. **Pride must be exposed!** Let God do an inspection of your heart to see what wicked sin is hiding away. Psalm 139:23 *"_____ , O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts."* Let someone close to you tell you just how proud you really are and accept it! It is good for you because it afflicts you and teaches you what humility really is like!
2. **Humble YOURSELF!** Humbling yourself is something YOU can consciously do. 2Chronicles 32:26 *"Hezekiah _____ for the pride of his heart..."*
3. **Fear God and Fear Pride!** Proverbs 8:13 *"The _____ of the LORD is to hate evil: _____, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."*

Saturday Morning Devotion - Spiritual Wrestling

There are two kingdoms at war in this world: The kingdom of God, and the kingdom of Satan. Even though it seems like all our enemies are physical and visible, all the enemies of a Christian are really spiritual – invisible – and hard to fight against.

So, HOW does a Christian “wrestle” against things they cannot see?

This morning, start off by listing as many of the things you are wrestling with right now in your heart, and mind, and life. Examples include: lust, loneliness, depression, anger, guilt, ongoing arguments at home, lack of money, stress, unable to sleep, past failures still haunting you, fatigue, being too busy and out of balance, constantly wanting to quit everything, no good friends...

1 _____	6 _____
2 _____	7 _____
3 _____	8 _____
4 _____	9 _____
5 _____	10 _____

Now, notice what each person below actually did to wrestle with an issue, spiritually, and write down what they did...

- When Sennacherib’s army (in the physical realm) surrounded Jerusalem and was about to break through the walls and destroy the people and the city, Hezekiah did WHAT in the spiritual realm? (2Kings 19:1,14) _____
- When Jezebel (in the physical realm) threatened to kill the prophet Elijah, what did God get Elijah to do to wrestle against that threat? (1Kings 19:2,3,9-13) _____
- When Satan destroyed most of Job’s family and life, what did Job do to wrestle against depression and sin in his own thinking? (Job 1:20-22) _____
- When Jacob and his entire family were about to be murdered by his own brother Esau, what did Jacob end up doing? (Genesis 32:24-26,31) _____
- When the Apostle Paul found himself whipped, beaten, and imprisoned (all physical attacks) for no real wrong-doing, what did he and Silas do to defeat Satan’s attempt to stop him from preaching the Gospel in Acts 16:22-25? _____
- When David was about to face a death sentence (Physical realm) for his own sins of adultery with Bathsheba, and for the murder of her husband, Uriah, what did David do (Spiritually) in 2Samual 12:13 and Psalm 51:1-4,14 that changed everything? _____

Now, what do you think are things (from what you just learned) that YOU should/must start doing every time you are under attack either physically or spiritually?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Session 1 – Learning the Lessons of Hezekiah

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

*“He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.”
2 Kings 18:5*

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I. The Background to Hezekiah's Life (2Kings 17:9-12,17,33,41)

II. The Man Hezekiah (2Kings 18:1-3,5)

III. Preparing for _____ (2Kings 18:4,6-8)

- A. _____ his own heart
- B. Simplified the worship
- C. Removed _____
- D. Brake down _____
- E. Cut down groves
- F. Destroyed anything that was being worshipped except for the name of God (18:4)
- G. He had his own _____ with God
- H. Not just a once off act – it was his _____!
- I. And God blessed Hezekiah
- J. And _____ prepared to attack!

IV. Hezekiah's Greatest Battles (2Kings 18:13; 19:1,14-19)

V. Hezekiah's _____ (2Kings 20:1-11)

VI. Hezekiah's _____ (2Kings 20:12-19)

VII. Hezekiah's Legacy (2Kings 20:21; 21:17; 2Chronicles 33:1-7)

- A. No real concern for the next generation
- B. Hezekiah never passed on Hezekiah's life an walk to his son **Manasseh**
- C. All the good that Hezekiah had done, was completely undone by his own son!

Is THAT how you want YOUR legacy to be written?

Session 2 – Every Man's Top Priority

To Be Right With God and to Stay That Way – Have a Walk with God
Pastor Declan Flannagan – Lighthouse Baptist Church, Swords, Dublin

“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”

Micah 6:8

Sermon Notes:

Session 3 – The Power of a Godly Praying Man

Dan Eberly – Macroom Bible Study, Macroom, Cork

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” Jeremiah 33:3

Sermon Notes:

Getting Answers to Prayer – James 5:16

Prayer – is when you get hold of God's ear and God gets hold of your heart!

- 1. We are encouraged to pray _____ –
1Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing”**
- 2. We are to _____ sin – 1John 1:9 We usually don't confess our sins, we only list our sins to God with no sorrow of grief!**
- 3. We are to _____ our sins – Proverbs 28:13
To forsake means to abandon, quit**
- 4. We must _____ others – Mark 11:25,26**
- 5. We must _____ for others – called intercession! Philippians 1:3,4
This can be the most rewarding prayer.**

Conclusion: Don't be afraid to cry out to God for help! God knows / hears the cry of His children.

Listen for that still small voice! You will hear it in your heart. Now Pray!

Session 4 – Why God Doesn't Answer Sometimes

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Isaiah 59:2

WORKSHEET:

Look up the following promises in the Bible about Prayer. Notice the promise in each one

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Matthew 21:22 “ye shall receive” | John 16:23 _____ |
| Jeremiah 33:3 “I will answer thee” | Matthew 18:19 _____ |
| John 14:14 _____ | Matthew 7:7 _____ |
| John 15:7 _____ | James 5:16 _____ |

Evidently God WANTS to answer our requests of Him!

Notice that God answered and will answer loads of prayers

- The praying _____ gets answers from heaven (Acts 12:5-10)
- _____ asked for a visible demonstration of God's power and got it (1Kg 18:36-38)
- Timid _____ got a demonstration of the will of God with his fleece (Judges 6:37,39,40)
- _____ prayed and got Nebuchadnezzar's dream revealed to him
- _____ asked for wisdom and got it (1Kings 3:7-12)

List 10 reasons WHY Christian men are not getting answers to their prayers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

FACTS about Spiritual Interference	How to Move Heaven

Session 5 – Spiritual Warfare 101

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”

Zechariah 4:6

Sermon Notes:

Session 6 – The Deception of Pride

Dan Eberly – Macroom Bible Study

“Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.” Proverbs 16:5

Sermon Notes:

Session 7 – A Father's Influence

Andrew Day – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

Sermon Notes:

Session 8 – We've Got to Get Back to Winning!

Layton Kelley – New Hope Men's Home, Tallaght, Dublin

*“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?
So run, that ye may obtain.” 1 Corinthians 9:24*

Sermon Notes:

Thoughts for Pop-Corn Preaching

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” 2 Timothy 4:2

What Has God taught you that you could briefly preach for the benefit of the other men at Men's Camp this year?

My Sermon:

Final Review - A Time to Evaluate Your Heart

Questions to ponder and answer from this Camp's study of Hezekiah.

- What were some important character traits that God honoured in Hezekiah's life?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- List some of Hezekiah's characteristics that you need to work on in your life and why?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- What Scripture really meant a lot to you from this week? (a memory verse?)

Can you write it out from memory?

- Hezekiah saw a national revival in his day. Would you start asking God to grant IRELAND a great revival as well? Circle one - **Yes** / **No**

- When was the last time that you felt so right with God, and like God was blessing you a lot? _____

- What do you think happened since then, and what do you think you now need to do to get back to a right and vibrant and powerful relationship with your God?

- What did you learn about Hezekiah that you never knew or understood before this Camp? _____

- List the things you need to start doing to improve your walk with God. Be Honest!

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- _____
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