

How To Face A Struggle

Part 3B

Struggles or troubles in life should not be taken as something unusual or abnormal had happened. This we can't avoid, and we must know how to handle in a proper way.

9- Get encouraged and encourage the people with you with these words, "that God will help us and deliver us": King Hezekiah did the same when he faced that threat, **"He appointed military officers over the people and assembled them before him in the square at the city gate and encouraged them with these words: ⁷ "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. ⁸ With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said."** (2Chronicles 32:6-8) The arm of the flesh is what the nations boast of with what they have from money, weapons, treasure, armies, etc. But we have more than what they have, The Holy Spirit, God Almighty with us, **"⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood."** (1John 4-6) That encouragement was so important to lift up the faith of people and motivate them to remain true to the faith. As long as you did not do anything wrong take courage and trust God for deliverance. The Lord will uphold you with His grace; He will neither leave you nor forsake you. **"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."** (2Timothy 1:7)

10- Don't believe the lies of Devil: During any spiritual attack against you the Devil will use lies and ways to frighten you and makes you afraid so you will lose the battle. During the attack against Jerusalem Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his officers with a message to intimidate the people in order to capture the city as we can read here, **"⁹ Later, when Sennacherib king of Assyria and all his forces were laying siege to Lachish, he sent his officers to Jerusalem with this message for Hezekiah king of Judah and for all the people of Judah who were there: ¹⁰ "This is what Sennacherib king of Assyria says: On what are you basing your confidence, that you remain in Jerusalem under siege? ¹¹ When Hezekiah says, 'The LORD our God will save us from the hand of the king of Assyria,' he is misleading you, to let you die of hunger and thirst. ¹² Did not Hezekiah himself remove this god's high places and altars, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You must worship before one altar and burn sacrifices on it'? ¹³ "Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the other lands? Were the gods of those nations ever able to deliver their land from my hand? ¹⁴ Who of all the gods of these nations that my fathers destroyed has been able to save his people from me? How then can your god deliver you from my hand? ¹⁵ Now do not let Hezekiah deceive you and mislead you like this. Do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to deliver his people from my hand or the hand of my fathers. How much less will your god deliver you from my hand!" ¹⁶ Sennacherib's officers spoke further against the LORD God and against his servant Hezekiah. ¹⁷ The king also wrote letters insulting the LORD, the God of Israel, and saying this against him: "Just as the gods of the peoples of the other lands did not rescue their**

people from my hand, so the god of Hezekiah will not rescue his people from my hand." ¹⁸ Then they called out in Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to terrify them and make them afraid in order to capture the city. ¹⁹ They spoke about the God of Jerusalem as they did about the gods of the other peoples of the world—the work of men's hands." (2Chronicles 32:9-19) You may hear lot of things that try to discourage you and daunt you down, but how you will face these lies? By knowing and relying on the promises of God. Why you need to read the bible and study the word of God? To enable you and makes you ready to face the enemy with the good promises of God. **"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."** (2Corinthians 1:20) As we read and keep the word of God hidden in our hearts then we can be able to stand against the enemy schemes. No matter what is going on around you still need to trust God who can do things more than what you think or imagine.

11- Have faith in God: The word of God admonish us the following, **"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."** (Proverbs 3:5-6) Faith in God and in his mighty power is so essential for each and every spiritual battle, **"¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one."** (Ephesians 6:16) The enemy will use the psychological war trying to cheat you so you will loss the battle, therefore faith is essential to pass through and overcome any struggle.

11- Cry out to God in prayer: **"²⁰ King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz cried out in prayer to heaven about this. ²¹ And the LORD sent an angel, who annihilated all the fighting men and the leaders and officers in the camp of the Assyrian king. So he withdrew to his own land in disgrace. And when he went into the temple of his god, some of his sons cut him down with the sword."** (2Chronicles 32:20-21) Prayer had great impact on all the struggles that we might pass through. After all God is the final crucial factor to settle every battle with the enemy. God would do miracles to save you and deliver you from the enemy. One angel of God annihilated all the fighting men and the leaders and officers of the great army of the enemy. God will do the same for you to deliver you from your struggles and troubles.

My Dear and Beloved: **²² So the LORD saved Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib king of Assyria and from the hand of all others. He took care of them on every side. ²³ Many brought offerings to Jerusalem for the LORD and valuable gifts for Hezekiah king of Judah. From then on he was highly regarded by all the nations."** (2Chronicles 32:22-23) God saved King Hezekiah and Jerusalem from the coming threat, as well as He took care of them on every side. And they were honoured and highly regarded by other nations around them. The Lord will do the same for you as you fully trust Him, trusting His word and walking in His ways as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God in heaven, I come before you in Jesus name who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your encouraging word, Lord give me the sound mind and increase my faith so that I can stand firm in faith in facing the current struggle _____ in my life , this is all what I ask and pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*