

THE BROKEN THRONE

BOOK OF KINGS

STAND FIRM
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Community Group
Discussion Guide

Open

Helen Keller once said, "The marvelous richness of human experience would lose something of rewarding joy if there were no limitations to overcome. The hilltop hour would not be half so wonderful if there were no dark valleys to traverse." Is this a true statement or not? Discuss.

In our sermon this week, we explored the difficult circumstances of Hezekiah's reign. We see his faith in action and God's glory demonstrated in the defeat of the Assyrians. As we look at this passage again, may we learn what it means to stand firm in the Gospel.

Reflect

Please read aloud 2 Kings 19:9-13.

What message does the king of Assyria have for Hezekiah and the Israelites? What is the king of Assyria trying to do with this kind of message?

If you could put yourself in King Hezekiah's place for a moment, what do you believe your response would have been?

Please read aloud 2 Kings 14-19. What was King Hezekiah's response?

What does his response tell us about his faith in God?

Apply

Though we may no longer be fighting a war against a foreign army, Ephesians 6:2 reminds us that we still fight battles every day against "the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly place." What are some of these battles that we face? (These can be both external or internal battles.)

Please read Ephesians 6:10-13.

When Paul encourages the church in Ephesus to be strong, whom does he tell them to be strong in?

If we are to be standing firm in the Gospel, how does this differ from standing in our own strength or in the strength of good moral advice?

Close

If through the course of conversation tonight some of the difficulties or adversity that people in the group are going through camp, please take time to pray for them that they would stand firm in the Lord. If not much came up ask if people would be willing to ask for prayer and then pray for them.