**God Will Come Through**

2 Kings 18-19

We serve a faithful God. The Bible clearly states in 2 Timothy 2: 13 that He is faithful even when we are not. His faithfulness is not depended on our actions but on His character. God never makes promises He does not keep. He is altogether trustworthy. God is Sovereign! He needs no one's approval or permission to bless you, and He does all things according to His will and purpose. His timing is always right. Someone has said He's an on time God. He is never too early or too late.

The word of God found in Ephesians 3:20 tells us that He (God) is able to do immeasurably more than what we can think or ask. Take a minute and think of something you've dreamed about that you considered too difficult, if not impossible to achieve. Our God is able to exceed all of that and more.

There are times in our lives when it seems as though we are being pressed on every side. It's easy to become discouraged and lose faith during those times. The enemy will whisper all sorts of threats and lies in our ear because he wants us to be overwhelmed with fear, instead of being filled with faith.

I'm reminded of the story recorded in 2 Kings 18 & 19. Sennacherib, King of Assyria sent messengers to intimidate Hezekiah, king of Judah with threats of destruction. The Assyrian army was known to have conquered many nations and were feared. They knew that the Israelites served only one God. who had come through for them in the past. So, the first thing they attempted to do was to destroy the Israelites confidence in God. They recounted other nations whose gods did not protect them and consequently were conquered by the Assyrians.

What Sennacherib didn't realize is that the other nations gods were not gods at all. They were instruments carved out by human hands. He would soon discover that the God the Israelites worshiped was the only true God. The Assyrian King's messengers blasphemed and ridiculed God because they did not know Him, nor did they fear Him. The word of God was given to the Prophet Isaiah to encourage King Hezekiah and assure him that God would come through. God did not allow Sennacherib to even enter the city of Jerusalem. One night the angel of the Lord struck down one hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. The Assyrian king was arrogant and foolishly relied on the strength of his army and the power of his gods. After seeing what happened to his army, Sennacherib broke camp and returned to Nineveh.

 King Hezekiah trusted and depended on God and God came through for the Israelites and He'll come through for you too, if you trust Him.

Happy Father's Day to all faithful fathers!

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