

Your Prayer Can Change the Outcome

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Two times, in two chapters, Hezekiah changed the course of history by utilizing the power of prayer. In chapter 37 of Isaiah, King Sennacherib gathered his dreaded army and began his travel to Jerusalem in order to besiege it. When Hezekiah heard of the opposition, he turned to God and prayed (Isaiah 37:15). God answered by sending His angel to destroy the Assyrian camp and voiding the attack on Jerusalem. In chapter 38, Hezekiah got word that he was sick and about to die. Once more, Hezekiah turned to the Lord in his time of need. The Lord responded by giving Hezekiah 15 more years of life (Isaiah 38:5).

We sometimes treat prayer as a last resort when it should really be seen as the life-preserver in this ocean we call "life." Though God may not answer our prayers in the exact manner we ask Him to, we can take comfort in knowing He can give us what is best for us. God said to Hezekiah, "because you have prayed..."