

Isaiah 37:14 Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord.

The prayer of Hezekiah was a significant event that highlighted the power of prayer, faith and divine intervention. The King of Judah humbled himself. That event was in stark contrast to his father Ahaz. The letter that was laid out was a threatening, demoralizing scroll that said “give up or you’re done”.

How does this verse pertain to us? Have we ever had a crisis? Did you know that the Chinese character for “crisis” is made up of two nouns, “danger” or “opportunity”. Have you felt up against the wall? Ever believe there was no way out? The letter was about Judah’s destruction. Has the guilt of our transgressions ever been fanned by the devil’s put down? Are we ready to drop our spiritual façade?

There is an escape if we are willing to humble ourselves. There is no extant, standing temple today. Our body and heart is now the temple. We can take whatever is causing such a strong burden and sorrow and lay it at the feet of God in a worshipful manner indicating He is strong, I am not. He is all powerful and I am weak. I desperately need Him.

I go back to 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people who are called by name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sins and will heal their land.”

There it is: Humble yourself, pray, seek the Lord’s face, turn from your wicked ways then you will be on the journey of an eternity.