WHEN TRUST IS TESTED

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KEY SCRIPTURE

- 2 Kings 18
- 2 Kings 19
- Psalm 20:7
- Romans 5:20

KEY POINTS

- Like 9/11 or the Utah tragedy, some events stop us in our tracks. They force us to ask, *What does this mean to me?*
- The world is broken by sin that divides and destroys, but God's Word reveals truth and grace that cut through lies.
- God's Word reveals truth, even when the world resists it.
- Voices can be stopped, but truth only grows louder. Like Stephen and Hezekiah, faithful witness outlives opposition.
- Where sin increases, God's grace abounds even more.
- Hezekiah trusted the Lord like no king before or after him. His turning point came when he spread the letter before the Lord.
- At first, Hezekiah tried to buy peace with Assyria. But when fear failed him, he spread the letter before the Lord.
- God delivered Judah. Idols and false gods cannot save or protect.
- Fear tempts us to compromise instead of trust.
- Trust means surrendering the outcome to God.
- God can do more in one night than we can do in a lifetime.
- We each face "letters" of fear (bad news, loss, false accusations). The question is: Will we shrink back, or trust God?

DISCUSSION

- What are some "watershed moments" in your life where your faith was tested?
- Why do you think we often try to solve problems in our own strength before turning to God?
- What does it look like to "spread your letter before the Lord" in your context today?
- How does the story of Hezekiah encourage you to stand firm in trust when the odds are against you?
- Share about how you have experienced God turning a situation around when you trusted Him.
- How can we help one another resist fear and walk in trust?