

Hope: In the Midst of the Storms of Life

2nd Corinthians 12:7-10 Isaiah 38

There are 3 basic problems that are common to everyone everywhere,
at some time in this life.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

One of the things we need to remember as God's people, is that God's highway
to Christ-likeness has been paved with.....

No one in the N.T. outside of Jesus suffered.....

In 2nd Corinthians 11 Paul tells us he had been whipped, shipwrecked.....

But through his pain & suffering God taught Paul some of his Greatest Lessons in life.

We see 3 of them here in 2nd Corinthians 12:

1. God _____ with us in our suffering.

2. God _____ to us in our suffering.

God whispers to us in our _____, God speaks to us in our _____.

God shouts to us in our _____.

3. God _____ us in our suffering.

For when we are weak "HE" makes us strong.

Tonight for our study I want us to look at an O.T. king and
how he approached his storm in life.

His storm is mentioned 3 times in God's Word.

2nd Kings 20 2nd Chronicles 32 Isaiah 38

Hezekiah was one of Judah's greatest kings. **2nd Kings 18:5** *He trusted in the Lord
God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah,
nor who were before him.*

Hezekiah became king of Judah at the age of _____. All things went well for 10-15
years but when Hezekiah turned _____ he became ill. Look at Isaiah 38:1

Key thought: A _____ bed often speaks louder than a _____ !

Notice 5 things in this story:

1. His _____. v2-3

He made prayer his _____ choice not his _____ resort !

2. His _____. v4-5

3. His _____. v_____

His sickness came from a "boil" somewhere on his body.

Key thought: God uses doctors and medicine but healing always comes
from "Jehovah-Rophe." Exodus 15:26

Whether God heals us with a _____ or _____ or in the world
to _____ God does the healing.

4. The _____. v17-20 Psalm 103:1-3

5. The _____. 2nd Chronicles 32:25

But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem.

When Hezekiah's _____ went down so did his _____ for the Lord!
Rather than living humbly before.....

When going through the storms of life there are 5 things we need to remember:

1. _____ our minds. 2nd Timothy 1:7

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

A mind centered on the _____ and the _____ is the key to sustaining
us in the _____ of life. EOJ

2. _____ our blessings. 1st Thessalonians 5:18

Going through the storms of life give us an opportunity to _____ God
rather than _____ God.

3. _____ our work.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

History is filled with examples of God's people who served the Lord.....

4. _____ our promises. Isaiah 41:13

For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Key thought: Because God's promises are _____ our hope is _____!

5. _____ our future!

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Revelation 21:4