

The Book of Isaiah  
Trusting God More #3

The outline is taken from Melissa Spoelstra's book, *Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting More*.

Review of Lesson 2

Objective: To understand following God isn't about striving; it's about trusting God more. Big Idea for lesson #3: We can trust God because in Him there is perfect peace!

Discussion: Have you ever felt like the 'flood gates of hell' were unleashed and everything the enemy could unleash was headed towards you?

How did you respond? How would you respond if you knew the enemy unleashing the flood gates of hell was a member of your own family or friends, fellow church members, coworkers?

Read Isaiah 7:1-2.

Did you hear King Ahaz was confronted with two different threats from two countries? One of these was Judah's own family.

Ahaz was a wicked king. He worshipped other gods. Read more about him in 2 Kings 16:1-4 (preferably NIV).

How do you we know the attack was unsuccessful? Have you ever been attacked, and the attack proved to be unsuccessful?

How did the both the king and the people react in verse?

Listen to this, "the people were moved as trees are moved with the wind."

Last week we talked about God being on the throne in Isaiah 6. Do you think God was bothered by the threat?

Read Isaiah 7:3-9.

What did God tell Isaiah to do?

Did you hear God tell Isaiah not to be fearful? God called them "two stubs of smoking firebrands?"

What did Isaiah tell the king to stop doing in verse 4?

The Lord told Ahaz to stop worrying and do NOT be fearful. How many times have you heard that command before?

Read what God told Jehoshaphat in a similar predicament: 2 Chronicles 20:15. The multitude was real! They were coming against Jehoshaphat, but God said, "Be not afraid or dismayed. "How does it make you feel when you hear God say do not fear?"

Read Phil 4:6. We have heard it repeatedly in the past. Phil. 4:6 tells us not to worry about anything? The question is how do you not worry? How do you go to sleep and rest when your world has turned upside down?

Read the instructions (Isaiah 7:4) from the Message! Wow! "Take heed and be quiet!"

Consider this. When we choose NOT to trust. We revert to worry. The Lord does not leave us during these moments. He wants us to stand firm.

The king of Israel and the king of Syria had their plans when they plotted evil against Judah. Their goal was to attack Jerusalem and defeat the capital of Judah. Ahaz would have been deposed as king and they would set up their own king.

But God... Again, God did not see them as a threat. Write the "a" portion of verse 7 on this line below:

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How does this assure you to hear God say, "It shall not stand, nor shall it come to pass."

Read verse 9. What needed to happen in order to for the Lord to stand firm?

The problem is Ahaz did not believe. He did not put his trust in God. Rather than trusting God, he put his trust in carnal methods and in man (the king of Assyria). Does that sound like us?

Read Isaiah 7:10-12.

The Lord told Ahaz to ask for a sign. Ahaz refused to ask for a sign. Why?

Here's the sign God gave Ahaz. Read verses 13-16.

Did you hear the sign's name? His name is Immanuel. It seems funny that the prophetic sign meant absolutely NOTHING to Ahaz. He saw it as a rebuke. Why does the Word mean absolutely NOTHING to those who do not believe?

What does this sign say to you? Here is God in Isaiah chapter 7 announcing the virgin birth of Jesus.

o Jesus is Immanuel (also spelled Emmanuel in the NT). e Jesus is  
God with us! Jesus is united with us.

God with us denotes the power God and it also denotes the presence of God How does "God with us" give you peace?

God is with us to protect us, comfort us and fight our battles every time!