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PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

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Text: Isaiah 37:14–38

There is a holy desperation that is sweeping across this nation, an awareness that we're in trouble.

How can we pray for our nation in this time of **crisis**?

1. If we don't know what's **going** on, we don't know what to **pray** (v. 14).
 - Pray that we would be like the sons of **Issachar**—that we would understand the time in which we live and then have an idea of how to pray and what we must do as the people of God.
2. Take the **issue** to the **Lord** (v. 14).
 - Rather than seeking the counsel of others, seek **God** first.
3. Acknowledge **God's power** (v. 16).
 - Don't focus on the **crisis**; focus on the One who can **solve** the crisis.

The way you begin your prayer may be the most important part of your prayer because as you do so, you are focusing on the One who can deal with this.

4. Recognize that the situation is ultimately an **assault** against **God** (v. 17).
 - Realize it's not about us; it's about God.
5. Make your **request** of God—"deliver us" (v. 20).
 - Don't tell God what you want Him to do to solve the problem. Just ask Him to solve it.
 - Have a **purified purpose**—that God would solve the problem in a way that He's the One who gets the credit.

Because Hezekiah prayed, God stepped into a **hopeless** situation and changed everything (v. 21).

My friends, the same God of Hezekiah is right here, right now in this room, and He is saying to you the exact same thing. "Because you have prayed, nothing will be the same. Because you prayed I will step into this person's life and that person's life. Because you prayed,

I'm going to work in that church. Because you prayed, I'm going to change something in the power structure of my city or our nation. Because you prayed."