

## **PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGIES**

### **STRATEGY: DON'T LET THE WORD THROW YOU**

- A plan of action to produce success
  1. Used in warfare
  2. Used in business
- Can be used in your personal life
  1. A strategy for vacation
  2. A strategy for a wedding - wedding planner
- Are there strategies for dealing with the problems of life (***John 16:33 NKJV***)
  1. Jesus warned us we would have tribulations
  2. He overcame and has ways, strategies, for us to overcome

### **HEZEKIAH A MAN WITH A PLAN (2 Chronicles 32:1-8 NKJV)**

- Hezekiah was a man with a heart for God
  1. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord
  2. Hezekiah helped to bring Israel back to God
- He accepted the difficult facts of his situation
  1. But he did not accept defeat
  2. He did not ignore or spiritualize the problem
  3. He did not allow the problem to paralyze him
- Hezekiah developed a strategy to increase his chances of winning
  1. He stopped up the water that would have helped the enemy
  2. He became stronger by building and repairing key structures
  3. Organized the people
- Hezekiah expressed his faith, not his fears
  1. He spoke about the Lord's help and that the Lord was with them
  2. He spoke about what was not seen as opposed to the visible
  3. The people were made stronger because of his words

### **APPLYING THESE STRATEGIES TO YOUR PROBLEMS**

- Start with your heart for God
  1. Your confidence is in your connection with the Lord
  2. Your connection is because of what Jesus has done (***Ephesians 3:11-12 NKJV***)
  3. Your connection as you acknowledge and honor Him in your life
- Face the facts of your problems - just don't face them alone
  1. Believe that the Lord is with you (***Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV***)
  2. Believe He will help you
  3. You have what it takes to face the facts
- Put yourself in a stronger position to win
  1. Cut off the negative thoughts that are helping your enemy
  2. Build yourself up spiritually
  3. Use your words to express your faith, not your fears (***Proverbs 18:21 NKJV***)