

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROBLEM (Virtual Sunday)

OPTIONS WHEN FACING THREATENING SITUATIONS

- A. Natural responses
 - 1. Denial - ignoring a situation or refusing to acknowledge it's existence
 - 2. Fear / panic - a reaction resulting from our survival instinct
 - 3. Practical / pragmatic - works off experience and observation rather than theory
- B. A faith based response (*Psalm 57:1 NKJV*)
 - 1. Enables us to face the problem - no denial
 - 2. Provides a place of calm in the presense of our fears
 - 3. Combines positive expectations with our practical efforts

HEZEKIAH; MIXING THE PRACTICAL WITH FAITH

- A. On the practical side (*2 Chronicles 32:1-5 NKJV*)
 - 1. Hezekiah did not deny or ignore the looming threat
 - 2. He made the situation harder on his enemy
 - 3. He strengthened his position
- B. On the faith side (*2 Chronicles 32:6-8 NKJV*)
 - 1. He gathered the people and gave them encouragement
 - 2. He challenged the people to be strong and courageous
 - 3. Hezekiah helped the people focus on what was not seen
 - 4. His words strengthened the people

THE PRACTICAL PLUS FAITH MIX IN OUR LIVES TODAY

- A. From a practical standpoint - do what you can do
 - 1. What areas of your life need to be stopped, repaired, built up (*Romans 14:19 NIV*)
- B. Practice information management
 - 1. Words can strengthen or weaken us (*Psalm 119:50 NKJV*)
 - 2. When it comes to the virus stay informed, not inundated
- C. Bring God into this situation
 - 1. This is a great time to remind ourselves of our relationship with a strong God
 - 2. We shift our focus to the unseen
 - 3. We are a persuaded people (*Romans 8:38-39 NKJV*)