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DAILY DEVOTION

BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

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Isaiah 37:21-22

[21]Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria,

[22]this is the word which the Lord has spoken concerning him: "The virgin, the daughter of Zion, Has despised you, laughed you to scorn; The daughter of Jerusalem Has shaken her head behind your back".

Are there events in your life that you can look back on and see the hand of God because you prayed?

John Wesley once said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer." Jesus said, "Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." John 16:24 (NIV)

In Isaiah 37:21 and 22. The prophet was speaking to Hezekiah, the King of Judah. The King had just received alarming news that threatened all the people of Judah. An enemy that had already wiped out the ten Northern tribes of Israel was now aiming their sites on the only remaining tribes of the Southern Kingdom over which he ruled! The odds were overwhelming! He was in serious trouble! His first response was to ask the Prophet Isaiah to pray, after which the problem escalated with further threats! It was then that Hezekiah went up to the Lord's Temple and prayed. You can read his prayer in Isaiah 37:16-20. He prayed for God to rescue his people from the power of the enemy. He acknowledged God's great power and his own weakness. He asked God to show His strength by defeating the enemy so that all the kingdoms of the earth would know that He alone was God!

God heard Hezekiah's cry. He sent Isaiah to him with this response. "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says, 'Because you prayed, this is what the Lord has spoken ...'" Isaiah 37:21-22 (NLT) To sum it up, God assured Hezekiah that this enemy was done! Verse 33 says He would never enter the city. "They will not even shoot an arrow at it!" In verse 35, God said, "I will defend this city and protect it." That very night an angel of the Lord killed 185,000 enemy soldiers! And when the enemy King returned home, he was assassinated.

Prayer answered – you think? I hope you never have to pray about something as drastic as Hezekiah. Still the challenge remains. If you want God to answer, you must pray. It's great to ask others to pray but God is waiting on you to pray.

Let it be part of your personal faith legacy that God moved mightily and changed lives because you prayed!

Prayer: O God, whenever I pray, answer me and grant my heart desires and let my testimony be it is because I prayed in Jesus name.