

Isaiah 7:1-13
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Sermon Notes

The abiding truth of this passage is that faith in the Lord and in his promises is a practical approach to life however great the crisis.

A practical faith:

1. Expects unexpected solutions when there seems to be no way out.

"Fear of the unexpected often paralyzes us and stops us from stepping into the fullness of the life that God has for us."

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Daniel 3:16-18 ESV

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Psalms 121:1-2 ESV

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Matthew 13:58 ESV

58 And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

A practical faith:

2. Is patient when the answer is a long way off.

... impatience is the result of being delayed from having the world be the way we think it needs to be, right now.

James 1:4 ESV

4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Luke 21:19 ESV

19 By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Isaiah 49:23 ESV

23 Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame."

A practical faith:

3. Stands firm when it's easier to move.

Exodus 14:14 ESV

14 The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

Hebrews 11:33-34 ESV

33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Your courage will rise or fall in proportion to the quality of time you spend with Jesus Christ.
Ask the Lord for two things: show me Your will and give me the courage to obey it.