

## *Set Your House In Order*

*“Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.” Imagine for a moment you heard these words. How would you respond? Would you be frozen with fear? Would you be bitter? Would you leap into action?*

*We know one man heard these words: Hezekiah. In Isaiah 38:1-2, the prophet Isaiah shared these words the LORD had given to him for the king.*

*Hezekiah’s response was to turn his face to the LORD and to pray, Isaiah 38:2. It wasn’t a short kind of prayer. It wasn’t a high level abstract kind of prayer. It was from the heart. It was full of emotion. It was filled with tears, Isaiah 38:3.*

*Hezekiah received bad news. Then he would receive good news! God heard his prayer. God would give the king an additional 15 years of life, Isaiah 38:5.*

*The rest of chapter 38 gives us a glimpse into the heart of this great King.*

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*While there are no more living prophets that will speak these words to us, these words still have great application for us.*

- *We know one day we will die, Hebrews 9:27.*
- *We know one day our bodies will return to the dust of the ground, and our spirit will return to God, Ecclesiastes 12:7.*
- *What we don’t know is when we will die.*

*Therefore, we need to live like we are dying. We need to have our homes set in order. I think about Joseph and how he set things in order. “Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “Good will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.” Genesis 50:25*

*I think about Jesus and what He said before He died: "When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' From that hour the disciple took her into his own household." John 19:26-27*

*What is that you need to set in order?*

*What is that you may be delaying to do?*

*Now is the perfect time because we don't know when we will die. Now is the time to use the opportunity of the life we have for good and to glorify God.*

*What if today (when you read this) is your last day? What would you do with the rest of your time? What would you do differently? Now is the time!*

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