

Victory Connect Lesson
When Time Moves Backward
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1. Isaiah told Hezekiah he was going to die.

[2Ki 20:1 KJV] 1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

2. Hezekiah appealed to the Lord with prayer and tears.

[2Ki 20:3 KJV] 3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done [that which is] good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

3. Time moved backward as a sign for Hezekiah.

[Isa 38:8 KJV] 8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

4. The Lord heard Hezekiah and promised deliverance.

[2Ki 20:5 KJV]...Thus saith the LORD...I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee...

5. God is pleased when we act in faith.

[Heb 11:6 KJV] 6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

6. What to do when you get a bad report.

- a. Turn to God (He alone can do the impossible)
- b. Pray (Plead your case before him)
- c. Worship (Never let go of your praise)
- d. Weep (Humble your heart before the Lord)

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you been tempted to accept defeat when God was trying to wake you to challenge it?
2. Share a time you challenged a negative report.
3. Share a time God gave you victory over a bad report.

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