

# **UNDER ATTACK**

## **II Chronicles 32:1-8**

**Let us learn some lessons from the faithful who encountered aggression.**

### **I. LESSON ONE: REALIZATION** (1)

- Don't be surprised.

#### **A. RECONSIDER EXPECTATIONS**

1. "After these acts of faithfulness"
2. We might think that when we do right (cf. 31:20-21) nothing bad happens ....  
but it did!
3. Faithfulness does not eliminate crisis

#### **B. THINGS CHANGE**

1. Hezekiah had fourteen good years but now faces his first real attack
2. Sennacherib invades Judah
3. God does not guarantee continued peace and prosperity (cf. 31:21b) just because  
He blesses us with it sometimes.

#### **C. ENEMIES ABOUND**

1. Even though initially Hezekiah tried diplomacy - See II Kings 18:13-16
2. There will always be those who plot our downfall

### **II. LESSON TWO: FORTIFICATION** (2-6a)

- Use appropriate counter-measures

#### **A. DON'T BE PASSIVE**

- Hezekiah did not make himself or his people an easy target

#### **B. TAKE ACTION**

- There is a time for works > Physical preparation for the fight is not wrong
1. Seek advise (2-3)
  2. Remove opportune targets (4)
  3. Fortify yourself (5a)
  4. Fortify the city (5b)
  5. Organize the army (6a)

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### III. LESSON THREE: INSPIRATION (6b-8)

- Focus on God!

#### A. THE ENCOURAGEMENT (6b)

1. They had done all that they *humanly* could do ... but they still needed more!
2. They had a leader who “spoke encouragingly” to them
3. They focused their attention on *things that only God could do* !  
- See Ps.20:7, 24:8-10, 62:5-8

#### B. THE ATTITUDE (7a)

1. Be Strong  
- An internal resolve and bravery
2. Be Courageous  
- The external manifestation of strength ... being stout and firm

#### C. THE AWARENESS (7b-8a)

1. The Assyrians (7b-8a)  
- An intimidating presence with inferior power
2. Judah’s Ally (8b)  
- God as their helper and fighter

#### D. THE OUTCOME (8c)

1. The people were strengthened  
- Their faith is fortified not just their city!
2. Hezekiah inspired them

### CONCLUSION:

**The malice and mistreatment will continue!**

“Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

- II Timothy 3:12

**Will you and I be faithful under attack?**

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