

*Game of Thrones: Grace*  
**2 Kings 18-20; 2 Chronicles 32:25**  
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Introduction

**Hezekiah's throne: an awesome reign.**

2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 32:25

**God sees each individual.**

➤ Application: God is concerned about you.

**Small things matter to God.** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

➤ Application: God is concerned about your maturity.

**Humility is the appropriate response to God. 2 Kings 20:1-11**

## ***2 Kings 18:1-8***

In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. <sup>2</sup> He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother's name was Abijah daughter of Zechariah. <sup>3</sup> He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father David had done. <sup>4</sup> He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. (It was called Nehushtan.)

<sup>5</sup> Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. <sup>6</sup> He held fast to the LORD and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the LORD had given Moses. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him. <sup>8</sup> From watchtower to fortified city, he defeated the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory.

## ***2 Chronicles 32:24-26***

<sup>24</sup> In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. He prayed to the LORD, who answered him and gave him a miraculous sign. <sup>25</sup> But Hezekiah's heart was proud and he did not respond to the kindness shown him; therefore the LORD's wrath was on him and on Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>26</sup> Then Hezekiah repented of the pride of his heart, as did the people of Jerusalem; therefore the LORD's wrath did not come on them during the days of Hezekiah.

## *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.<sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## *2 Kings 20:1-11*

In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover."

<sup>2</sup> Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,<sup>3</sup> "Remember, LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

<sup>4</sup> Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him:<sup>5</sup> "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD.<sup>6</sup> I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Isaiah said, "Prepare a poultice of figs." They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered.

<sup>8</sup> Hezekiah had asked Isaiah, "What will be the sign that the LORD will heal me and that I will go up to the temple of the LORD on the third day from now?"

<sup>9</sup> Isaiah answered, "This is the LORD's sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised: Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or shall it go back ten steps?"

<sup>10</sup> "It is a simple matter for the shadow to go forward ten steps," said Hezekiah. "Rather, have it go back ten steps."

<sup>11</sup> Then the prophet Isaiah called on the LORD, and the LORD made the shadow go back the ten steps it had gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.