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'Five Keys to Overcoming Discouragement: Resist Compromise' 2 Kings 18:23-28 David Self

"Resist him and be firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world." (1 Peter 5:9)

- I. What motivates Compromise? "So now make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria." (23a)
 - A. Fear "In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them." (13)
 - B. Failure "I have done wrong; withdraw from me. Whatever you demand from me, I will pay." (14)
 - C. False Hope "So now make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria. I'll give you 2,000 horses if you're able to supply riders for them!" (23)
 - D. False Premise "The LORD said to me, 'Attack this land and destroy it.'" (25)
- II. What Results from Compromise?
 - A. Further Compromise "At that time Hezekiah stripped the gold from the doors of the LORD's sanctuary and from the doorposts he had overlaid and gave it to the king of Assyria." (16)
 - B. Fragmentation "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, since we understand it.

 Don't speak with us in Hebrew within earshot of the people on the wall." (26 cf.28)
 - C. Foolishness "Don't let Hezekiah deceive you; he can't deliver you from my hand."

III. How do we Resist Compromise?

- A. Know the Truth (John 8:32)
- **B. Recognize Wrong** (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)
- C. Stand Firm (1 Corinthians 16:13)

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