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“Five Keys to Overcoming Discouragement”
2 Kings 19: 20-31
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“A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.” John 10:10

Key #1: Recognize the Attack

Key #2: Resist Compromise

Key #3: Reestablish Truth

Key #4: Reassert Priorities

Key #5: Receive God’s Assurance

- 1. God Comforts His people** ***“Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah: ‘The LORD, the God of Israel says: ‘I have heard your prayer to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria.’”*** (20)
 - a. The battle belongs to the Lord (22)
 - b. The Assyrians have reproached His name (23)
 - c. God is in charge (25) Notice that he promises to destroy the enemy (28) and save a remnant (31).
- 2. God Commands the Enemy** ***“Because your raging against Me and your arrogance have reached My ears, I will put My hook in your nose and My bit in your mouth; I will make you go back the way you came.”*** (28)
- 3. God Confounds the Attackers** ***“That night the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies! ³⁶ So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and left. He returned home and lived in Nineveh.”*** (35-36)

4. **God Chastises the Destroyer** *“One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword and escaped to the land of Ararat. Then his son Esar-haddon became king in his place.”*
(37)

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