



## Isaiah: God Answers Prayer (2 Kings 20:1-6) Truth to Power (Part 11)

### THE BIG IDEA

God takes our prayers into account as God works out his divine plan.

### OPENING

- What's an example of an unanswered prayer in your life?
- Have you ever regretted a prayer after receiving an answer?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- How does this passage illustrate the tension between God's sovereignty and our prayers?
- God's sovereignty refers to "God's ultimate lordship and rule over the universe so that the divine will is supreme over all else."<sup>1</sup> What does this biblical doctrine imply about our lives?
- Read 2 Chronicles 32:34-35; 2 Kings 20:12-19. What were some of the bad consequences of Hezekiah's additional 15 years?
- Read 1 John 5:14-15. What does this passage teach us about what to pray for?

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<sup>1</sup>"God, sovereignty of," *The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms* (Westminster John Knox Press), p. 135.



## **PUTTING IT TO WORK**

- Make a list of unanswered prayers in your life that you're not grateful for.
  
- Focus your prayers this week on God's will. When you're not sure what to pray for, use the words of the Lord's Prayer: "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**