

# If You Are Not **FIRM** in Faith...

## In the Days of Ahaz... (Isaiah 7)

- Ahaz was Judah's \_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> king following the division with Israel into two kingdoms (2 Kings 16:1)
  - A descendant of David, he reigned for \_\_\_\_ years (730-715 B.C.) in Jerusalem (16:2)
  - "He did \_\_\_\_\_ do what was right in the eyes of the LORD his God..." (16:3-4)
  - The kings of Syria and Israel came to wage war on Jerusalem (16:5-6)
  - Ahaz turned to the king of Assyria for help (16:7-9)
- Adding the layer of **Isaiah 7**, we're given even more insight into where Ahaz went wrong and a powerful line worth remembering this week:

**"If you are not \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, you will not be \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_."** (Isa 7:9)

- Without faith in the one \_\_\_\_\_ God, what good would burning your own son as an offering to a lifeless \_\_\_\_\_ do?
  - Without faith in the God of \_\_\_\_\_ armies, how firm would a temporary alliance with the pagan empire of \_\_\_\_\_ make Ahaz?
  - Without faith, if you insist on ignoring the LORD's prophet, what good will \_\_\_\_\_ really do?
  - Without faith, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to please God (Heb 11:6)

## So What Does It Mean To Be "Firm in Faith"?

- I choose to \_\_\_\_\_ my Creator (Psa 119:89-96)
- I allow him to \_\_\_\_\_ my heart (Psa 112:1, 6-7)
- I build a \_\_\_\_\_ with him, on his terms (2 Tim 2:15-19)
- I walk in step with his revealed \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Thes 2:14-15)
- I stand firm in the Lord, with his \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 6:10-13)
- I resist our mutual \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet 5:8-9)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ with his people and strive side by side with my brothers and sisters for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel (Phil 1:27)
- I hold this \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ of my confidence in him (Heb 3:12-14)