

## **TIMES LIKE THESE**

### **Part 2: An Uncommon Outlook**

Outlook - a mental attitude that determines how we interpret and respond to situations a belief about the future

### **WHAT DETERMINES OUR OUTLOOK**

- The factors that make up our story
  1. Background
  2. Experiences
  3. Input
- An uncommon outlook
  1. Not dependent on our story - our story does not set the limits
  2. An outlook inspired by God (**2 Corinthians 4:18 NKJ**)

### **A MAN WITH AN UNCOMMON OUTLOOK** (**2 Chronicles 32:1-8 NKJ**)

- Hezekiah did not act like a victim
  1. He was living right before God
- He limited the enemy's options
  1. Stopped the water
  2. Repaired and built up broken / weak points
- He helped the people look at their situation differently
  1. Be strong and courageous and don't give into fear
  2. Look beyond what they could see
  3. That they were the ones with an advantage - because God was helping them

### **DEVELOPING AN UNCOMMON OUTLOOK IN TIMES LIKE THESE**

- Don't give the enemy a foothold (**Ephesians 4:27 NKJ**)
  1. Stop doing anything that gives him an opportunity
- Repair and build up what is broken
  1. Our inner life has a big impact on our outlook (**Proverbs 15:13 NKJ**)
  2. Hurting inside makes everything worse (**Proverbs 15:15 NLT**)
  3. To repair and build up what is broken (**Proverbs 15:4 NKJ**)
- Bring more of God into your life
  1. Know what He has promised to you
  2. Praising and thanking Him is an outlook changer (**Psalms 34:1 NKJ**)