

# NOW OR NEVER

A LIFE  
WITHOUT REGRETS

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## PART VI: I WILL NOT FEAR

**Isaiah 7:1-4 (CSB and NLT).** During the reign of King Ahaz in Judah, King Rezin of Syria and King Pekah of Israel marched against Jerusalem (against King Ahaz of Judah) to attack it, but they were unable to take the city. The news had come to the royal court of Judah to King Ahaz: "Syria is allied with Israel against us! So, **the heart of Ahaz and the hearts of his people trembled like trees of a forest shaking in the wind.** Then the Lord said to Isaiah: "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-Hasub, at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the highway of the Fuller's Field, and say to him, **Take care and be calm, do not fear and be weak-hearted,** because of these two smoldering stumps of firewood.

This passage teaches us what God's message is to us when we go through difficult times that are beyond our hands to resolve, that are beyond our control and exceed our human strength.

1. God knows that my heart trembles with fear in difficult times.

**Proverbs 15:11 (RVG).** "Hell and destruction are before the Lord: how much more the hearts of men!"

2. God knows exactly where I am and what my current situation is.

God knows exactly where you are and that is where He wants to meet you.

3. God has a message of faith and hope for me.

**GOD GAVE KING AHAZ FOUR WORDS OF COMFORT TO CALM HIS HEART, AND THOSE SAME WORDS ARE MEANT FOR US TOO:**

1. **BE CAREFUL: PROTECT AND GUARD.**

**Proverbs 4:23 (NTV).** "Above all else, guard your heart, for it determines the course of your life."

## 2. BE CALM: REST, BE CALM, REPOSE

**Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV).** *“He who dwells in the shelter of the Highest will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I say to the Lord: You are my refuge, my fortress, the God in whom I trust.”*

## 3. DO NOT BE AFRAID: DON'T BE AFRAID.

**Isaiah 41:13 (NLT).** *“For I hold you by your right hand— I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, don't be afraid. I am here to help you.”*

**Psalm 31:14 (NLT).** *But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My future is in your hands; Rescue me from those who relentlessly persecute me.*

**REMEMBER:** Your future and your days are in God hands.

## 4. DO NOT BE WEAK-HEARTED: HAVING AN ATTITUDE OR FEELING OF ANGUISH AND LACK OF COURAGE.

**Psalm 27:3 (RV60).** *“Though an army encamps against me, my heart will not fear; though war breaks out against me, I will remain confident.”*

After having given those four commands to King Ahaz and giving him comfort, encouragement and strength, he gives him another message.

**Isaiah 7:9 (b) (CSB).** *“If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not be able to stand firm in anything.”*

If we are going to keep faith and not let the circumstances of life change us and make us lose sight of God, we are going to have to stand firm and declare I will not fear. ***In order to live without fear, I have to respond with faith.***

### **And how do I respond with faith?**

1. *By knowing and obeying the word of God.*

**Romans 10:17(RV 60).** *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”*



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