

**General Session**  
**Every Child Prayed and Cared for**  
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**Introduction**

What are our children up against today?

How do we reclaim the generations for the kingdom of Jesus?

**Body**

1. The First Principle of Prayer

A. The difficult situation

**2 Kings 18:5–7** *He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. <sup>6</sup> For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered.*

**2 Kings 18:12** *“...because they did not obey the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed his covenant, even all the Moses the servant of the Lord commanded. They neither listened nor obeyed.”*

B. Hezekiah's response

**2 Kings 19:1** *“As soon as Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the Lord”. Hezekiah's first move was to go to the house of the Lord.*

**2 Kings 19:15–19** *And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said: “O LORD, the God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth. <sup>16</sup> Incline your ear, O LORD, and hear; open your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God. <sup>17</sup> Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands <sup>18</sup> and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. Therefore they were destroyed. <sup>19</sup> So now, O LORD our God, save us, please, from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O LORD, are God alone.”*

## C. God's response

### Application

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*These are the sort of men and women needed in this modern day in the Church. It is not educated men who are needed for the times. It is not more money that is required. It is not more machinery, more organization, more ecclesiastical laws, but it is men and women who know how to pray, who can in prayer lay hold upon God and bring Him down to earth, and move Him to take hold of earth's affairs mightily and put life and power into the Church and into all of its machinery. E.M. Bounds*

## 2. The First Principle of Relationship

### A. A Personal Example:

### B. The Pauline Example:

He prayed for them \_\_\_\_\_:

*1 Thessalonians 1:2–3 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

When he couldn't be with them he \_\_\_\_\_ to them to encourage their faith:

*1 Thessalonians 1:6–8 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.*

He treated them like a \_\_\_\_\_:

*1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.*

*1 Thessalonians 2:11–12 For you know how, like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup> we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

He sought earnestly to come and \_\_\_\_\_:

*1 Thessalonians 2:17 But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ...*

He sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_ by sending his assistant, Timothy, to check up on their welfare:

*1 Thessalonians 3:1–2 Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, <sup>2</sup> and we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith,*

Summary of his relationship with the Thessalonians:

*1 Thessalonians 2:8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.*

### C. Practical Means of Promoting Relational Ministry

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### Conclusion