



THE MAGIC WAND LIE

By: Martin Drummond

I saw myself in 2 Kings 18-19 this morning.

Perhaps you'll see yourself, too.

It's the passage that describes the assault upon the Southern Kingdom of Israel by the king of Assyria. [You can read it here.](#)

Here's the brief recap. The pagan King Sennacherib is rampaging through the Southern Kingdom in search of riches and power. Hebrew King Hezekiah knows he's outgunned and pays the ancient thug 11 tons of silver and a ton of gold in hopes that he'll take his 185,000 Assyrian soldiers and go away.

You can guess what happened. Sennacherib took the money and *didn't* go away.

Instead, he targeted Jerusalem in order to have a slam-dunk domination of God's chosen people and chosen city.

Sennacherib then sent some messengers to trick the city into giving up without a fight.

With blasphemous words, mind you.

When Hezekiah recognized all that was happening and the seeming certainty of defeat and decimation, that's when he finally decided to pray for God's help.

You really should read this biblical account by clicking the link above.

It will speak to you as it spoke to me.

God did intervene in a miraculous way, of course.

God is in the business of answering sincere prayers that exalt Him and reflect a heart genuinely embracing Him.

If only Hezekiah would have gone to the Lord with sincere prayers before trusting the devilish lie that he could buy his way out of trouble.

It's crazy for us Christians to think that throwing money at a problem can be a substitute for heartfelt, humble prayers to God.

But we've all done it.

Perhaps your Sennacherib problem is that you're not getting along with a spouse or child. The easy way out says to buy them something in hopes that they'll be pleased and appeased.

At least for awhile.

Prayers for wisdom and strength to do and say relationship-building things would be better, but that takes time in prayer, large doses of humility and perhaps even the dreaded "I have to say I'm sorry?" realization. Even so, it's the better path.

Perhaps your Sennacherib problem is that you're not learning more about the Bible because you "don't have time" to read 10 minutes a day.

The easy way out says to buy a Christian movie DVD or latest “hit” album from a Christian band and play it until you’re tired of it. Won’t that be enough to grow and mature my faith?

These things are great in measured doses but are no substitute for prayerfully confessing a lack of spiritual discipline and a need to see Bible-reading as spending time with Daddy.

Perhaps your Sennacherib problem is that you have feelings of guilt because of sinful choices away from church. It’s all too easy to throw extra “blood” money in the offering plate in hopes that our conscience will be soothed and that God will grant us an indulgence-like pass from accountability.

Listen, money is never to take the place of prayers of repentance and restoration.

Prayer first. That’s the lesson from this story about Hezekiah’s deliverance.

Let’s save ourselves a lot of anxiety and wasted money. Let’s pray first when problems come against us.

It’s what God has been waiting for.

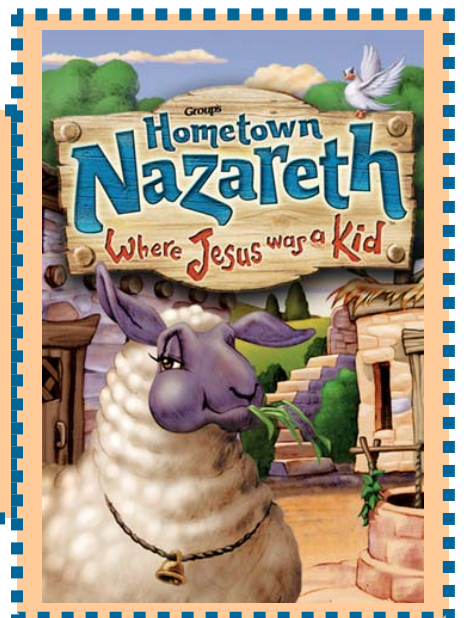


**Saturday, July 9th at 3pm
At the church**

**Please bring your bathing suit and
invite your friends.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
PLANNING MEETING
Sunday, July 10 at 5pm
in the fellowship hall**

If you would like to help with VBS or just want more information, please attend this important meeting.



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH AT 11AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Bring a dish to share and invite a friend

appreciation
BANQUET

**SATURDAY, JULY 16
IN THE FELLOWSHIP**

For more information,
please contact Tammy Bolles.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
DECORATING DAY
SATURDAY, JULY 16 @ 9AM**

Come help us begin to build our set for
this year's VBS. All are welcome!



BOARD MEETING

**Sunday, July 17th at 5pm
In the Fellowship Hall**

All Elders, Deacons, and Trustees
are asked to attend.

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAY
Saturday, July 23 at 9am**

There's something for everyone to do
so please come out and help us do
some work around the property.



Many thanks to all who donated to the much-needed resealing work on our parking lot. This type of swift and sure response by many of you points to a healthy and hopeful future for our congregation. Special thanks to Tom Fields for the prep work in cutting many large, tree roots that were damaging parking lot. Our need for donations continues, though, since many of the parking bumpers are damaged and need replacement. The cost is \$30 per parking bumper. Please consider helping us to replace the 14 that are broken.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING SOON!!!!

July 25-29

If you would like to help with this year's program please see Sherry Medder. There are plenty of jobs to go around.

We need your help to make VBS successful!

CAMP DATES



Gold Coast Christian Camp
7495 Park Lane Road
Lake Worth, FL 33449

www.goldcoastchristiancamp.com

High School Camp

Entering 9-12 grade

Sunday, July 3-8

Check-In: Sunday, 3pm

Early Bird Price: \$250.00

Regular Price: \$300.00

Deadline: June 20, 2011

Pick-up: Friday, 12 Noon

Middle School Camp

Entering 6-8 grade

Sunday, July 24-29

Check-In: Sunday, 3pm

Early Bird Price: \$250.00

Regular Price: \$300.00

Deadline: July 11, 2011

Pick-up: Friday, 12 Noon

Elementary Camp

Entering 3-5 grade

Sunday, August 7-11

Check-In: Sunday, 3pm

Early Bird Price: \$200.00

Regular Price: \$245.00

Deadline: July 19, 2011

Pick-up: Thursday, 12 Noon

Scamp Camp

Entering 1-2 grade

Sunday, July 29-30

Check-In: Friday, 4:30pm

Early Bird Price: \$70.00

Regular Price: \$90.00

Deadline: July 15, 2011

Pick-up: Saturday, 1pm

Please join us this Sunday at 9:10 a.m. in the **Sonrise Café**, located in the auditorium foyer. This is a good opportunity to fellowship with other believers, introduce visitors, or in general, get to know each other. Come a little early and mingle while enjoying coffee or juice and something to eat.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP 5:30PM TO 8:30PM

Our Youth Group is growing quickly!!

First we play games, then we eat, and then we sit down and listen to a great lesson & discuss the word.

If you know any teenagers tell them where we're at!!

Any adults that want to come and join in on the fun are more than welcome!!!






For more info please call Karen Rodriguez 305.213.8923

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MINISTRIES

July Order Deadline: July 24th
July Distribution Day: July 30th

****Note: There are certain boxes that are available for online ordering only.
Please check website for those items.*

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4  INDEPENDENCE Day	5	6	7	8	9  3pm
10	11	12	13  OLDIES GOLDEN 11am	14	15	16 VBS Decorating 9am ----- Church Appreciation Banquet
17  BOARD MEETING 5pm	18	19	20	21	22  Reunión de DAMAS	23 Work day 9am ----- VBS Decorating
24 Angel Food order Deadline	25 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	26 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	27 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	28 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	29 VBS 6:30p – 8pm	30 Angel Food Distribution
31 VBS Closing Program						



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2 nd	Tom Fields
4 th	Enid Versailles
5 th	José Gonzales
7 th	Joan Chin
11 th	Tim Moon
14 th	Walter & Lora Rubino
17 th	Luis & Martha Gonzalez
20 th	Pedro Madera
20 th	José Perez
28 th	Sharon Fields



Serving Schedule

JULY 3

JULY 10

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Eppy Suarez

David Medder

COMMUNION SERVERS

Gene Kinnaird*
Chris Kinnaird
David Hiers
Mark Schoenfeldt

Eppy Suarez*
Pete Moolah
Danny Abdo
Marc Hargraves

DONATION COUNTERS

Chris Kinnaird
Bobby Veloz

Tom Fields
Marino Polanco

**Will lead offering prayer*



Pauta de Servicio

3 DE JULIO

10 DE JULIO

ORACION OFRENDA

Steve Chin

Santiago León

ORACION SANTA CENA

Gregorio Belmont

Marino Polanco

LECTURA DE LA PALABRA

Ada Rosa

Chumán Rodriguez

SIRVIENDO A LA MESA

Santiago León
Marino Polanco
Nelson Garrido
Christian Almonte

Reinaldo Alvarez
Jaime Rivera
Pedro Madera
Christian Almonte



Got Questions?

Email us at sdchurch@bellsouth.net and we'll do our best to get you answers!



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