

With or Without You

Isaiah 7:1-17

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01 Pray

02 Do you like asking others for help, or is it your last resort? Discuss.

03 Before reading Isaiah 7, let's briefly give some context for King Ahaz. Read 2 Kings 16:1-20. What was Ahaz like as a king?

04 Read Isaiah 7:1-17. Where does this account fit within Ahaz's reign?

05 Why were 'the hearts of Ahaz and his people ... shaken', in verse 2?

06 What was Israel's plan for Judah (5-6)? How does the Lord through Isaiah provide comfort for Ahaz (4, 7-9)?

**07 Why does the Lord invite Ahaz to ask him for a sign (10-11)?
What does Ahaz's reply reveal (12) given God has already said
'If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all'
(9b)?**

08 What might be Ahaz's reasons for not trusting in God?

08 In verses 13-17, what does Isaiah say will happen to Judah?

**09 What does the 'sign' in verse 14 mean for Ahaz and Judah?
How are we to understand Isaiah's prophecy as it fulfilled in
Matthew 1:23?**

**10 What areas of your life do you find hardest to trust God
with?**

**11 What things we can do to intentionally grow our trust in
God?**

12 Pray for each other.