Intro:
Wouldn’t it be great if there was some secret code in the Bible that would somehow cause God’s hand to move on your behalf? That if you just pushed the right buttons in the right order at the right time God would answer your prayer? He would grant your request and bless your life if you just had that one secret equation… As we study Chapter 16 from the story there is no special code revealed, but we do see a pattern of what brings both the blessing and the wrath of God. During the time of the divided Kingdom there were 38 kings in all. Only five would have been considered good or Godly kings. The other 33 did evil in the eyes of the Lord. God sent 9 prophets to the Northern Kingdom over a span of 208 years but the people refused to hear and obey.
So, if you are praying for God’s blessing or hope to see the hand of God move in your life then you ought to pay attention to what we see in the life of Hezekiah. Even though the Southern Kingdom would soon be destroyed, God specifically spares the people while Hezekiah is alive. (See 2 Chronicles 32:26.)

When we look at the life of Hezekiah I want us to look at what was distinct about him…what was it about his life that brought the blessing of God rather than the discipline of God?

1) Hezekiah’s commitment to purity. We specifically see Hezekiah repent of the pride in his heart. He humbled himself and when he did it turned the favor of God towards him. He cleansed his heart of pride and selfishness to purify himself and utilize the things in which God entrusted him.

2) Hezekiah demonstrates a Commitment to Prayer. He acknowledges God daily and is fully dependent on the presence of the Lord.

Conclusion:
The truth is, even when we are don’t realize it, we are always completely dependent on God. We were just as dependent on God to provide before the economy tanked, we just didn’t realize it. We were dependent on God all along, but when something has been stripped away, we suddenly are desperate and desperation has a way of making us realize our dependence. That’s when we start praying…so the key is to continually acknowledge our dependence on the Lord. But in order to really see the need for dependence we must first purge our
hearts of pride, arrogance, and selfishness. Jesus says “Come to me all who are weary.” You don’t have to be perfect, in fact quite the opposite! But you have to be willing to purify.