



Men FAITHFUL MEN #5 - Josiah
DIFFERENT BREED – 2 Kings 22-23
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JOSIAH

“He did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the way of his father David, nor did he turn aside to the right or to the left.” **2 Kings 22:2**

RIGHTEOUS MAN BORN FROM WICKED

DAD (Amon) He forsook the Lord, the God of his ancestors, and did not walk in obedience to him. **2 Kings 21:22**

Grandpa (Manasseh) Manasseh also shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from end to end—besides the sin that he had caused Judah to commit, so that they did evil in the eyes of the Lord. **2 Kings 21:16**

CONFRONTED BY GOD’S WORD

“Then Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan who read it. Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, “Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king. When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes.” **2 Kings 22:8, 10-11**

UNDERSTOOD THE VALUE OF GOD’S WORD

“Go, inquire of the Lord for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for **great is the wrath of the Lord that burns against us**, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.” **2 Kings 22:13**

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.” **Hebrews 4:12-13**

COMMITTED TO GOD’S WORD

“The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people entered into the covenant.” **2 Kings 23:3**

“Let your heart therefore be wholly devoted to the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day.” **1 Kings 8:61**

RESPONDED TO GOD’S WORD

“Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.”

2 Kings 23:4

“But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.” 1 Samuel 15:22 NLT

RESTORED MEMORIES OF GOD’S GOODNESS

“Then the king commanded all the people saying, “Celebrate the Passover to the Lord your God as it is written in this book of the covenant.” **2 Kings 23:21**

“I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.” **Psalms 77:11**

REWARDED FOR THIS FAITHFULNESS

“because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants that they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you,” declares the Lord. “Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring on this place.” So they brought back word to the king.” **2 Kings 22:19-20**

HIS BELIEFS + HIS ACTIONS = HIS LEGACY

“Before him there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him. However, **2 Kings 23:25-26**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are your initial observations?

What have we learned about the life of Josiah?

When have you been confronted by God's word?

What was different in that situation?

What keeps people, even us sometimes, from truly understanding the value of God's word?

How do you remember God's goodness in your life?