



Family Sunday
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“God’s Word: It Changes Us”

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Key Verses: 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35

Key Thought: Josiah becomes King of Judah at a young age. Though the two kings who preceded him did evil in the sight of the LORD, Josiah did right and followed the example of King David. Upon hearing the words from the lost book of the law that had been found, Josiah, along with the people of Judah, turn from their evil ways and make a covenant before the LORD to be keepers of the law.

Points to Consider:

- Josiah was young, yet had a clear understanding of God's authority. He also respected and heeded the voices of his godly elders.
- Josiah's response to the reading of the lost scroll was one of immediate and intense obedience. He understood the severity of the offenses his people had committed against the LORD and wasted no time righting those wrongs.
- Josiah allowed scripture to change him. He did not hold on to the ways of those kings who had led before him.
- Josiah did not stop with his own internal change. He openly repented and invited his people into a renewed covenant with the LORD that brought external results for Judah.
- God's Word lives and breathes, therefore our approach to reading it should be one of hopeful expectation that God will speak. God's Word can serve as our:
 - i. Lamp by illuminating truth to us in times of darkness (Psalm 119:105)
 - ii. Compass by directing us with certainty into the unknown (Isaiah 42:16)
 - iii. Sword by protecting us when we face difficult times or temptations (Ephesians 6:17)
 - iv. Mirror by revealing the truth about our inner selves and areas in which we need to change (James 1:23-24)

Discussion Prompts:

- What does this passage teach me about who God is?
- What does this passage show me about myself?
- What do I need to stop doing or start doing as a response to this passage?
- Is there a way in which my approach to reading/hearing Scripture needs to change?