

## **Intentional Turning**

2 Kings 22

*“He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David not turning aside to the right or to the left.” 2 Kings 2:2*

*“Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength.” 2 Kings 23:25*

**Turned- captures the moment when we become more intentional.**

*Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord.” He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: “Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the Lord and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple.” Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.  
2 Kings 22:8-10*

*When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. 2 Kings 22:11*

*Great is the Lord’s anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us.” 2 Kings 22:13*

*“Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people—that they would become a curse and be laid waste—and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I also have heard you, declares the Lord. Therefore, I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place.” 2 Kings 22:19-20*

**How does Josiah respond when he is confronted with the word of the Lord?**

**1. He had a responsive heart.**

This can be difficult for us because:

- We want to put off the pain of turning.
- We want to prolong the pleasure.

## **2. He humbled himself.**

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6

This can be difficult for us because:

- We choose denial.
- We blame other people.

## **3. He tore his robes and he wept.**

The sacrifices of God, are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart  
you, O God, will not despise. Psalm 51:17