

## Getting the Word of God into the Hands of Me

### 2 CHRONICLES 34

#### Josiah Rules in Judah

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. 2He did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right. 3During the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, Josiah began to seek the God of his ancestor David. Then in the twelfth year he began to purify Judah and Jerusalem, destroying all the pagan shrines, the Asherah poles, and the carved idols and cast images. 4He ordered that the altars of Baal be demolished and that the incense altars which stood above them be broken down. He also made sure that the Asherah poles, the carved idols, and the cast images were smashed and scattered over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 5He burned the bones of the pagan priests on their own altars, and so he purified Judah and Jerusalem.

#### Hilkiah Discovers God's Law

14 ... Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD that was written by Moses. 15Hilkiah said to Shaphan the court secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the LORD's Temple!" Then Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan. 16 Shaphan took the scroll to the king ... "Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll." So Shaphan read it to the king. 19 When the king heard what was written in the Law, he tore his clothes in despair. 20 Then he gave these orders ... 21"Go to the Temple and speak to the LORD for me and for all the remnant of Israel and Judah. Inquire about the words written in the scroll that has been found. For the LORD's great anger has been poured out on us because our ancestors have not obeyed the word of the LORD. We have not been doing everything this scroll says we must do."

#### Josiah's Religious Reforms

29Then the king summoned all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30And the king went up to the Temple of the LORD with all the people of Judah and Jerusalem, along with the priests and the Levites—all the people from the greatest to the least. There the king read to them the entire Book of the Covenant that had been found in the LORD's Temple. 31The king took his place of authority beside the pillar and renewed the covenant in the LORD's presence. He pledged to obey the LORD by keeping all his commands, laws, and decrees with all his heart and soul. He promised to obey all the terms of the covenant that were written in the scroll. 32And he required everyone in Jerusalem and the people of Benjamin to make a similar pledge. The people of Jerusalem did so, renewing their covenant with God, the God of their ancestors.

#### My Thoughts-

#### Pioneers of the Faith

"... faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." Romans 10:17 NIV

- Martin Luther: translated the Word into German. For this, he was labeled a heretic.
- William Tyndale: translated it into English from Hebrew and Greek. For this he was strangled, and his body burned at the stake
- Jim Elliot: While trying to bring the Word to Auca Indians in Ecuador, he along with four other men was killed by the hostile tribe.

**“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose” Jim Elliot**

“... religious truth is imprisoned in a small number of manuscripts, which confine instead of spread this public treasure. Let us break the seal which binds these holy things; let us give wings to truth in order that she may win every soul that comes into the world by her word, no longer written at vast expense, but multiplied everlastingly by a machine which never wearies... Yes, it is a press, certainly, but a press from which shall flow in inexhaustible streams of the most abundant and most marvelous liquor that has ever flowed to relieve the thirst of men. Through it, God will spread His word; a spring of pure thrush shall flow from it; like a new star it shall scatter the darkness of ignorance, and a cause of light unknown to shine among men.”

Johannes Gutenberg, Father of the Printing press, 1455

**My Thoughts-**

### **Present Revolution of Revelation**

- Scripture accessible 24/7 - 365
- Cell phone = hundreds language translations in the palm of your hand
- The YouVersion Bible is now available in over 215 languages and counting.
- 1.4 billion Smartphones globally – The Scripture is just one App away.
- Advancing Technology is making blocking the Scripture more difficult.
- There are countries where you can't buy a Bible but you can download an app.
- YouVersion is accessed by every single country at least once every month.

**My Thoughts-**

### **Getting the Word of God into the Hands of Men...**

- There are still 2,000 languages that need to be started
- There are still 1 billion people who do not have the Scriptures in their heart language.
- This is the work of men for the kingdom of God
- This work is a benefit of the Kingdom of God hastens **Coming of the Kingdom of God!**
- **The word of God. While some men have died for it – others are dying to get it.**

**My Thoughts-**

### **Will you COUNT FOR ZERO?**

- **Zero** unreached people groups...
- **Zero** languages without the gospel...
- **Zero** people who haven't heard the audacious plan of God, the resurrection, to restore, to reclaim, and to redeem us for Him!

**Let's make our church count for ZERO.**

**My Response-**