

From Chains to Change

"In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. 2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. 3 And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. 4 He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). 5 He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. 6 For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses. 7 And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered. "

2 Kings 18:1-7 (ESV)

You don't just pass down your genes, you pass down your patterns

The tendency is to repeat what was modeled to you

"And he walked in all the sins that his father did before him, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. "

1 Kings 15:3 (ESV)

You're not just a product of your childhood; you are a product of your choices

God never called you to make an identity out of your brokenness!

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2 Kings 18:2 (ESV)

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. "

2 Timothy 1:5 (ESV)

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2 Kings 18:3 (ESV)

When you change your standard, you change your story

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2 Kings 18:4 (ESV)

“Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before or after his time.”

2 Kings 18:5 (NLT)

Don't just give your kids wealth, give them wisdom

“Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “This message you have given me from the LORD is good.” For the king was thinking, “At least there will be peace and security during my lifetime.”

2 Kings 20:19 (NLT)

Transformation changes you. Legacy changes who comes after you.

You can't choose the family you were born into, but you can choose the legacy you leave behind

“For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses. 7 And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered.”

2 Kings 18:6-7 (ESV)

“Then God gave the people all these instructions: 2 “I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. 3 “You must not have any other god but me. 4 “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. 6 But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.”

Exodus 20:1-6 (NLT)

God's grace is far greater than His wrath

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...”

Galatians 3:13 (ESV)

