

## XV. Revival in Biblical Perspective

*Revive Us Again!*

“The Josiah Revival”

II Chronicles 34

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We will start by looking at I Kings 13. I and II Kings are parallel to I and II Chronicles but I and II Kings have one purpose and while I and II Chronicles covers many of the same things and the same people, has a different purpose. I Kings 13 is when the Kingdom is dividing between Jeroboam and Rehoboam and now we see what happens. There is a prophecy. I Kings 13:1–2 says *[1] And behold, a man of God came out of Judah by the word of the LORD to Bethel. Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make offerings. [2] And the man cried against the altar by the word of the LORD and said, “O altar, altar, thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name, and he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who make offerings on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.’”*

The grass withers, the flower fades, God’s Word abides forever and by His grace and mercy may His Word be preached for you.

I had three comments this last week that really encouraged me. We all need encouragement from time to time and I was grateful for these. One of the younger members of our church said to me “Preacher, I didn’t know the Old Testament could be so much fun. Thank you for preaching on II Chronicles.” Then an older person said “Pastor, thank you so much for maybe now I’ll be able to read II Chronicles for up until now I’ve always stopped reading through the Bible when I got to II Chronicles.” The third comment was the most encouraging of all which was “Pastor I’m so grateful to see what the Bible promises and that is how Jesus manifests Himself to us is in the Old Testament, even in the Chronicles.”

I say that because we are at the end of our journey in II Chronicles. It hasn’t been an exhaustive study but a deliberate one around our focus for the year on revival by looking at the revivals in II Chronicles. Also that is one of the distinctions between Kings and Chronicles. I and II Kings is a rather comprehensive study of the Kings of the united Kingdom under David and Solomon, then the Kingdom divided under Jeroboam and Rehoboam and how God dealt with them under His hand of discipline and judgment through what they did. However that is only part of it.

II Chronicles has a very specific purpose and the key not is set for us in II Chronicles 7:14 which records for us God’s promise of revival and God’s precepts of how He sends revival. We have already defined from other passages what revival is and it’s not a program, a season nor can it be worked up but it is something God does. The definition of revival is an extraordinary work of God’s grace through ordinary people in ordinary places by ordinary means with extraordinary consequences for God’s glory. The objective of revival is not revival or the experiences of revival but it’s God reviving. He has already ‘vived’ us when we were saved which was when He gave us life but now He is coming to His people to revive them.

Many think of revival as a great evangelistic meeting but evangelism is a fruit of revival but revival is what God does in His people to restore them to the insatiable desire and blessing of His presence and power. It is when He takes a valley of bones and makes them into an army of the Lord. There are two evidences of revival which are God-centered worship and a Gospel

harvest. When God's people gather they have one desire which is to lift up praise to God – Trinitarian God-centered worship, praise to the Father, through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. So that is the vertical evidence and the horizontal evidence is a Gospel harvest as the Gospel begins to go out. When the church gathers it worships in revival and when the church scatters it witnesses in revival and there is glorious movement which is where we are.

We want the Gospel to go to all the nations and that includes our nation. Our nation is in desperate need of revival. We live in a culture that is in a death spiral. We have a church that has become distracted, adulterated, compromised, illiterate and impotent so we need revival in His church today beginning with us. O God come and do Your work in us for we need revival. Only God can bring revival for it is His work but God in the Chronicles tell us when He revives how He sends it. He uses II Chronicles 7:14 in the days of Solomon in the dedication of the temple. He tells them there is coming a time when they will be unfaithful so what will God do? They may be faithless but God is faithful.

How does God revive His people? II Chronicles 7:14 says *[14] If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* Here He is talking to His covenant people, His church. His people are called by His Name. According to this verse His people called by His Name are to do four things – humble themselves, pray, seek My face and turn from their wicked ways. Then God will do three things – hear, forgive and heal. When God's people have to do these things they are under God's disciplining hand of judgment. They do not know His power or His felt presence.

Then the book of Chronicles unfolds that and gives the description of five revivals in the days of Rehoboam, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah and the one we'll study now in the days of Josiah. The Spirit of God emphasizes in each one of these revivals one of those God designed elements of revival from II Chronicles 7:14. In the days of Rehoboam this revival emphasizes humility for it says seven times that they humbled themselves. In the revival during the days of Asa it emphasizes prayer. In the revival during the days of Jehoshaphat the emphasis is on seeking His face and in the revival we looked at in the last study during the days of Hezekiah it emphasized repentance as they purge the land of idolatry and cleanse the temple. Every one of those revivals had all four elements but clearly as they are described the Chronicler is emphasizing one of them.

Now we are going to look at the days of Josiah. What does Josiah's revival emphasize? Josiah pulls together all of them. It becomes the last recorded revival that we have of God's covenant people Israel. It is an amazing revival and there are some very clear lessons I want to share with you that have been extremely challenging and helpful to me. Interestingly, this is a revival that was prophesied hundreds of years before. In the days of Jeroboam when he is leading ten tribes into a apostasy and Rehoboam is leading Benjamin and Judah which will be known as the nation of Judah, they get a ruler apart from the line of David with that being Jeroboam. They no longer go to Jerusalem to worship but to other high places to worship. As the apostasy is fomenting here comes a prophet to an altar with Jeroboam standing to the side and this prophet brings a prophetic curse upon what is happening there and a promise of a revival that God will yet do.

The first thing the prophet says is that God will not forget His people for He is going to bring a revival. He will raise up a leader for that revival and he will come from the house of David. Jeroboam may be taking people away from the house of David but that will not stop God from bringing a revival to His people through the house of David. The prophet gives the leader's

name and that is Josiah. His leadership, his revival and his name are given as well as his family heritage, coming from the line of David. Now let's fast forward and see God fulfill His Word.

*II Chronicles 34:1–7 says [1] Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. [2] And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father; and he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. [3] For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet a boy, he began to seek the God of David his father, and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and the metal images. [4] And they chopped down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and he cut down the incense altars that stood above them. And he broke in pieces the Asherim and the carved and the metal images, and he made dust of them and scattered it over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. [5] He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. [6] And in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, and as far as Naphtali, in their ruins all around, [7] he broke down the altars and beat the Asherim and the images into powder and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.*

So after the revivals from the first four we've already covered we come to the revival of Josiah under a king who is only eight years old. His father was Amon. His grandfather was Manasseh. His great grandfather was Hezekiah. During the days leading up to Hezekiah was 150 years of apostasy that led to Baal worship and child sacrifices even at the temple and in the valley of Hinnom. This was all turned around in seven weeks because of Hezekiah's leadership. This was a lightning strike of a revival but sometimes God brings a revival over a long period of time. All was cleansed in seven weeks and the temple that was boarded it up was now restored. The priesthood was brought back in to do their work. The people gave so much they had to add storehouses to the temple to take care of it. All the praise was now rising to God and what was taking place was glorious that was happening with the revival. Now close to 60 years later the temple is boarded up again, there is Baal worship, the Asherim, likely Molech and all the pagan gods are being worshipped again.

After Hezekiah came Manasseh and Manasseh had an evil reign. Within ten to twenty years after Manasseh had taken over the entire nation had descended into idolatry, temple prostitution with both male and female and homosexual and heterosexual, sexual promiscuity and perversion with its roots in false worship and child sacrifices by Molech again. It multiplied in the days of Manasseh. Then he was followed by his son Amon but Amon was so evil that God actually took him out by assassination after only reigning two years. It was unbelievable the depravity he promoted in those two years. Then he had a son that had been prophesied all the way back in the days of Jeroboam which was that a revival leader would be sent from the house of David and he will purge out the idols. He would restore the worship. His name is Josiah.

Josiah comes to his reign at age eight. By the time he reached 16 it was noted he followed his father David. He obeyed the Lord and lived under the eye of the Lord. Here is a man pursuing holiness and godliness from age eight and had developed by the age of 16 to be known as a man, not like his father or grandfather who did not walk in the ways of the Lord, who walked in the ways of David. David was no perfect man. He was a great sinner but he was also a great repenter. David believed in the greatness of God's grace. That grace forgave and transformed him. That testimony of David now becomes synonymous with Josiah. He was most noteworthy for walking under the eye of the Lord and what is even more noteworthy is that he wouldn't turn to the right or to the left. He was consistent. He was focused. He was a man who knew the Lord and walked with the Lord and by age 16 that is what they were saying about him.

When we get to the twelfth year of his reign at age 20 it becomes noteworthy that he begins to destroy all the idols. He beats the idols into powder and completely destroys them. They even dig up the bones of the apostate priests and burn them on the altars that they are destroying. It is a clear declaration of God's condemnation on false worship. By the time he is 26 in the eighteen year of his reign he now turns from putting off to putting on. Now he unboards, cleans, clears and consecrates the temple like in the days of Hezekiah. He restores the Levites to their right role in the temple. He sends out messages to everyone and everyone starts sending their resources to the temple. People start coming to the temple to worship rightly and not falsely. He establishes just like Hezekiah and he puts back in place the Passover because it is a reminder of God's grace and mercy to His people that even when we were unfaithful and oppressed God put a substitutionary sacrifice so that the wrath of God passed over us for the blood was on the door. That glorious feast that anticipates Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, becomes the central point of worship as the temple is restored and all is being put back into place.

Then he begins to empower this leadership. II Chronicles 34:8 says *[8] Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had cleansed the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. It's amazing that whenever God does a revival you don't need a capital or stewardship campaign for everyone just starts giving where they have to add onto the temple to accommodate so that there are storehouses in the temple. So here Josiah trusts the leaders and they trust him so they take all these resources and use them. When you take what God gives you and use the treasures for Him, God gives other treasures that are even more important. What could be more important?*

II Chronicles 34:14–21 says *[14] While they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiyah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given through Moses. [15] Then Hilkiyah answered and said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan. [16] Shaphan brought the book to the king, and further reported to the king, "All that was committed to your servants they are doing. [17] They have emptied out the money that was found in the house of the LORD and have given it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen." [18] Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it before the king.*

*[19] And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes. [20] And the king commanded Hilkiyah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, [21] "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."*

Josiah tears his clothes at the reading of the book as a sign of repentance and we see how Josiah is humbling himself, praying, seeking God's face and repenting to turn from his wicked ways. Here they are using all these resources to cleanse, repair and enlarge the temple for this restored God-centered worship, the Good News has gone out even to the northern tribes and they are responding in a Gospel harvest as all this is taking place. Then God wants to give them an even more important treasure and that is a book of the Bible that was lost. He let them discover it. We kind of see this when God brings a revival where the Bible has just gotten lost in all the programs and then God raises up a preacher. God's people then say 'Isn't the Bible great?'

So what book did they discover here? It says they discovered the law of the Lord that was given through Moses and that would mean there are a couple of possibilities here. Number one is he is talking about the first five books of the Old Testament, the books of the law that Moses authored through the Spirit of God. These are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. They were discovered where they ought to be, in the house of the Lord. When this is read to Josiah he says 'this has exposed why God's judgment has been upon us for it is because of the evil we have done.' Now I don't believe it was necessarily all five books that they found but I believe it was one of the five books. Because of the response of Josiah and what he said the book read which the content caused him to do and exposed why God's judgment had been upon them, then I believe they discovered the book of Deuteronomy. This book gives the warnings of what God will do if His people abandon covenant faithfulness yet God will be faithful and will bring them back. He will call them to repentance and revive them. That is what happens in the days of Josiah. Josiah is another revival leader.

Here is the takeaway which is what I believe God is showing us in this particular text. Revival comes from the Lord through revival leaders sent by the Lord. In the next study we'll look at a New Testament revival and then look at what the revived church looks like in a culture that is hostile to Christianity. Some present a Benedict option, a Jerusalem option or a Babylonian option but I will present to you for the rest of this year the Bithynian option. I will show you what the church looks like when it's in Bithynia, a foreign country of culture but a great witness of the Kingdom and that is why we will be in I Peter for the rest of this series after the New Testament revival.

So here as we close our time in looking at the Chronicle revivals what does a revival leader look like? I want to give you three things about these revival leaders. Number one, revival comes from the Lord through revival leaders sent by the Lord who intentionally live their life under the eye of the Lord. I'm not the best counselor and I thank God for those who are but I love the way these men peel back the onion. A lot of people in counseling say 'quit living for the approval of others' for you will not because you were made to live for approval but you just have to get it to the right place. You will always live your life under an eye and it will either be the eye of the world or the eye of God.

II Timothy 2:15 says [15] *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.* When I study the Word to preach I can't say 'I wonder what the congregation wants to hear?' I can't handle it under the eye of the congregation but under the eye of the Lord. Revival leaders as well as faithful leaders, have to live their life under the eye of the Lord. That is why I love the devotional Tabletalk because the application is *Corem Deo* which means 'in the presence of God.'

There are two things I want you to understand about this. I'm not saying you have to live your life so that God approves you and then will save you. God has already handled that. God gave His Son who took us, who could not stand under the eye of the Lord because of our sin, He took our place and is the only One who ever lived and gave full pleasure to the Father, then became the object of the full displeasure of the Father on our behalf when He took our sins upon Himself on the cross. When He said 'it is finished' then it's finished. Therefore God legally, forensically and positionally is now pleased with me because my sins have been taken away and paid for and the righteousness of Christ now clothes me so I am accepted in the beloved.

That does not mean in my life and for Christ that I don't have a real relationship with God where I can give Him pleasure as a child of God or I can give Him displeasure. We can

actually live our lives in a way that gives pleasure to God, not for our salvation but in our relationship with Him, in our pursuit of sanctification and in His persistence and patience when we falter and don't give pleasure to Him. In fact we give Him displeasure when we disobey, even when He is responding to us it is to restore us.

Here is a paraphrase from John Owen who says this best; in my relationship with the Lord I want to live my life so that my Father smiles and I don't want to live my life that my Father would frown. Someone said to me 'Harry you don't really believe God took at the judgment for you if He could frown on you.' Listen, I know when I sin that Jesus has paid for it and I confess it and I'm forgiven. I also know that if I'm unfaithful to my wife in thought, word or deed God is not up there saying 'don't worry about it, I paid for it and that doesn't bother Me at all.' No, God does not countenance our sin that we could have broken relationships. We can quench and grieve the Spirit. That is why the believer that realizes that says to God 'keep me under Your eye.' Why? Whosever eye you are looking to is what will control you.

I say to preachers to preach the way Paul said to preach found in II Timothy 4:1-2 which says ***[1] I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: [2] preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.*** Every time you preach you want to feel the eyelash of God upon you, brushing against you. That is the way the believer wants to live – to feel the eyelash of God. Everything I'm doing is before His eye and I want in my faltering following of Jesus for my God to be glorified or pleased whether by life or by death that He will be honored. That is the way revival leaders embrace life and ministry.

Some people are probably thinking this should just be for me since I'm a preacher but it is also for every believer. Do you want your family to have revival? Then parents I'm speaking to you. Do you want a church to have a revival? Then elders I'm speaking to you. Do you want your congregational community or your ministry or your neighborhood to have revival? Then I'm speaking to you. It is because when God brings revival to those places He uses leaders and you are a leader. I'm speaking to all Christians because we're to leave gathered worship and lead the world to Christ. How do we do that? Revival leaders live under the eye of God.

Let's look back at II Chronicles 34 again. II Chronicles 34:2 says ***[2] And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father; and he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.*** Why is it that he didn't compromise, get distracted, adulterate his message or turn to the left or the right? Why is it that he walked in the ways of his father David? It was because he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. So we who have been saved by grace to God's glory want to live our life underneath the eye of the Lord because if you live for Christ wanting the smile of the world, you'll quit living for Christ when the world frowns. God made us to want approval. We thank God we have perfect approval in Jesus with His blood and righteousness. We thank God we have a real relationship with God where we can draw near to Him and He draws near to us. We can fix our eyes on Jesus because we want to live under the eye of Jesus.

Secondly, revival leaders secure models and mentors. Most of them come from parents but what if that had happened with Josiah. Who was Josiah's immediate model? It would have been his father Amon and that was not too good. It could have been his grandfather Manasseh and that's not too good. Josiah looked to his father and grandfather and said 'no' and then looked all the way back to David and walked in the ways of David. Go get some models. Do what Paul said to Timothy 'follow me as I follow Jesus.' Get models not just one model. All

will be imperfect because with every human being you get their strengths and you get their weaknesses. Get models from history and not the present because the last chapter hasn't been written yet. There are 347 biographical sketches in the Bible and only 67 finished strong. Even Josiah doesn't finish strong.

Toward the end of his reign he decides to go out and fight a battle that God didn't call him to do. Neco the King of Egypt comes to fight likely the king of Assyria at a place called Megiddo – Armageddon and Josiah decides he wants to fight against the king of Egypt. Neco tells Josiah not to do that by saying 'your God told me to tell you not to come to this fight because it's not yours and it won't be good if you get to be a part of it.' So a pagan king tells Josiah to stay out because God had told him he ought to stay out. Josiah decides to disguise himself and go in anyway and gets killed.

How many times do believers make mistakes and we lose our ministry or everything? We are imperfect. Hezekiah didn't finish well either. So try to find some models who finished well. They didn't run a sprint but a marathon and their best mile was their last mile. Go look for them in history but I hope and pray they are in your family. If they are not in your family be willing to walk away from a faulty witness of a father or a grandfather to do where you need to go. That is what Josiah did. I think Josiah not only went to David but Hezekiah because everything that Josiah did was a repeat of what Hezekiah did. This is speculation on my part but I believe Josiah found out what happened in the revival of Hezekiah 60 years earlier. So I would say Josiah had Hezekiah and David as models. He walked in the ways of David and he did what Hezekiah did.

What about mentors? Mentors are people you can call on for wisdom in the crucible of life. All of the mentors I have and had have been very gracious to me and patient with me. So models you get from history. How did they finish? Mentors are people presently you can go to for wisdom. Look first in your family but if you can't find them there be willing to look outside your family. Sometimes you have to walk away from that family just like Josiah did.

Thirdly, revival leaders are overcomers by grace and not overwhelmed by circumstances. I had planned to get an 8 year old, a 16 year old and a 20 year old for you all to see. Then I was going to say to the 8 year old 'You're the new pastor at Briarwood.' Or perhaps 'You're the new president of the United States.' You are the king at 8 years old. By the time he is 16 instead of being overwhelmed by the circumstances he becomes a man of God who walked in the ways of David. How did he get to walking in the ways of David at 16?

This is speculation but here is what I think. I think he walked in the ways of David because of his mother. Her name was Jedidiah. We don't know much about her but in a single parent home his mother did the job. I believe there were others for there is a prophetess he is going to call on when he is older and her name is Huldah. I think she was like his 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school teacher at work in his life. I think she could have taught him at VBS and in the catechism class. Then he called on her when he was older and she said 'here is what you ought to do', 'ok thank you' and the king did it. So he was nurtured in this, why? It was because he wasn't overwhelmed in his circumstances. His father was assassinated after two years, when Josiah is 8 years old. His grandfather is one of the worst kings in the history of Israel but instead of being overwhelmed by his dysfunctional family, by grace he becomes an overcomer. By grace he becomes something else.

Did you see what Josiah did at age 20 and 26? That is why I wanted to address our college students because at that age he led an entire revival in a nation that had spilled into an apostate nation. Then I wanted to address our high school students because at 16 years of age

Josiah began to purge all the idols and destroyed them. He also cremated the bones of those who had led them astray on top of those altars. When Josiah was 8 years old he began to be nurtured in the Lord. When you see kids at this age in catechism camps or VBS and they come to present to you what they are learning those are the 8 years olds that God is going to raise up and use. We are the 'Huldah's', the models and mentors that God will use.

Single moms, I'm going to labor as hard as I can to restore the notion that God's plan is a man who loves his wife in a lifelong relationship of a covenant of marriage which is foundational to a family and that is the best thing to raise up another generation. But when it doesn't happen in a broken world and I am in a nation where over 50 percent of the kids don't have that, I'm going to tell them they have hope and the hope is not the government, me or therapy. I'm fine for all of those things to be at work but your hope is in the grace of God who can make you more than a conqueror and you can walk, not under the circumstances, but over them through Christ who makes us more than conquerors in each and every situation so let's fix our eyes on Jesus. That is what we as a congregation are supposed to do. When we see that single mom that Jedidiah, we can come along, we can't be the husband but we can provide people of wisdom to help, especially men of God that are needed as examples in that family. We can be a part of it knowing that God uses that to raise up revival leaders.

Do you think it's absolutely astounding that hundreds of years before this Josiah revival that there was a prophecy that said from the house of David there will come a son named Josiah who will lead the people to revival? That happened hundreds of years earlier in the days of Jeroboam. Don't you think that is something? I want to tell you something that is bigger than that. There is another prophecy from the house of David that says 'I'll send my son. You will call his name Immanuel' and that is Jesus. Josiah is just a preview. Jesus will save you from your sins. Let's pray.

Prayer:

Father, thank You so much for the time we could be together in Your Word, in this worship service to give You praise and for You to meet with us. Holy Spirit I ask that You now meet with us in a very special way. There are those reading this today seeking and would You let them know that there is a Savior whose Name is Jesus. The Bible is full of Josiahs and we thank God for them but there is One that is greater and this is the One that the Hezekiahs and Josiahs point to and that Jesus who will set us free from our sins. God we need to learn from the Josiahs and Hezekiahs. We need models and mentors so help us to select them but help us live with our eyes on Jesus and under the eye of our God. God, raise up revival leaders for these homes from these homes and from these homes for Your church. May these single parents and these single moms in particular get encouragement from being surrounded by God's covenant people – that 8 year old, that 16 year old in the high school ministry, that 20 year old in the college ministry and that 26 year old in the graduates and career ministry. Let them know that You are a God who raises up overcomers so that people will come to the grace of our God that overcomes all of our sins and all of our fears. So God send the leader again, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Power Point

REVIVAL

Revival is an extraordinary work of God's grace through ordinary people in ordinary places by ordinary means with extraordinary consequences for God's glory.



## GOD-SENT REVIVAL EVIDENCES

1. God-centered worship
2. Gospel Harvests

## GOD'S DESIGN FOR REVIVAL – II CHRONICLES 7:14 (THE TEMPLE PRAYER)

1. Humble yourself—Rehoboam  
*Revival comes down to lift God's people up when they bow down to lift Him up.*
2. Pray—Asa  
*Revival awaits Revival prayer and will not come without it.*
3. Seek My face—Jehoshaphat  
*A Revival relationship with God is a real relationship—a reciprocal relationship.*
4. Turn from their wicked ways—Hezekiah  
*When God's people turn from their sins to return to their God; God turns back to His people with His revival presence and power.*

## THE JOSIAH REVIVAL

### LIFE TAKEAWAY

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1. Live under the eye of the Lord
2. Secure models and mentors
3. Are overcomers by grace, not overwhelmed by circumstances.