

Sermon Notes

A Newfound Commitment to the Lord and Living His Ways

2 Chronicles 34

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Israel's history of falling away from following the Lord

1-2 Summary of Josiah's life - He did right in the Lord's sight

Where did Josiah get the idea to follow the Lord, when all the examples around him were bad?

Josiah seems to have been listening to the men who were speaking God's word.

3-7 Josiah began to seek the Lord and ruthlessly deal with things that had drawn him away from the Lord.

1) Decide to really care what the Lord has to say, and begin to try to find out what the Lord has to say, about the ways we should be living.

2) Begin knocking down old values that drive your behavior.

Josiah took some drastic actions in this regard.

Are you willing to?

8-13 Josiah orders and the people contribute to the renovation of the temple of the Lord.

14-21 The written word of God is rediscovered and read.

Josiah responded with distress and repentance.

We should too.

34:22-28 The Lord's response to repentance was mercy

29-33 Josiah had God's word read to everyone, and committed to follow the Lord and keep His commandments

What are your response, commitment, plans?

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What are the influences around you that you find yourself listening to and following their thinking/values/ways, even if you don't do it deliberately? Is it family, culture, your old ways, etc.?

(Have everyone answer this question.)

Is God's word the authority in your life in every respect? Even if you don't know everything it teaches, when you learn something from His word, does that then become the way that you want to think or behave? Or do you seem to pick and choose what you will accept from God's word and what you won't accept?

If it's been picking and choosing, will you repent of that, and turn to having God's word be the authority in every area of your life?

Have you noticed yourself slipping away from obedience to the Lord in some area, maybe slipping back in to some old way?

Are you be distressed about that?

Will you repent, with the intent to give yourself toward change.?

Listed on the next page (back side) are all the questions asked at the end of the sermon.

It is probably too much for everyone to answer every question aloud to the group. So decide as a group how you are going to respond to these.

Will you, right now, decide to really care what the Lord had to say, so you are wanting to find out what the Lord has to say about the ways we should be living?

If so, will you make some plans right now, for the coming weeks, when you hear God's ways to live, in some very practical areas of life?

Will you plan to listen carefully to the word of the Lord being spoken, with the intent to obey God?

Will you plan to deal ruthlessly, even drastically, with the things that are drawing you away from worshipping the Lord with your life.

Will you plan to do the hard things, that people might consider weird, to give up current behaviors, and replace them with the Lord's ways of behaving?

Will you plan, that as you hear God's ways, over the following weeks, and you realize you are not living His ways, that you will repent, with plans to change?

Even if you are not drastically far from the Lord's ways, will you plan, each week, to look for at least one thing you can do to change or improve?