

Living Water Fellowship

3rd Sunday in Pentecost

9TH JUNE 2024

COME TO JESUS

Free to Dance (AT 481)

SONGS:

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING:

2 Kings 22:1-20

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read 2 Kings 22:1-20. What questions immediately come to mind?
2. Please also read 2 Chronicles 34:1-7. If you could describe Josiah's life & reign in one word, what would that word be? What is it that sets the pace for Josiah's life? How is that one thing playing a role in your life? Does something need to change?
3. Given what you know about Josiah's predecessor kings (2 Kings 21) why does the Temple need refurbishing? How does the restoration of the Temple lead to a major moment in the life of Josiah & the people of Judah? What happens?
4. Do you think the "book of the Law" was 'lost' or 'hidden'? Why do you say that?
5. After the book of the Law is found, what things does Josiah do that indicate he knows he's at a turning point in his life & role as king? Have you ever faced such a turning point? What did you do?
6. How is Huldah's word from God received? What options does Josiah face given what the Law describes as God's response to his people's idolatry & unfaith and Huldah's assurance that God would in fact punish his disobedient people? Why do you think he chooses to undertake his on-going spiritual reforms despite the coming devastations? (See 2 Kings 23 for a more detailed description of Josiah's reforms and
7. It has been said, "When God's Word is received a person's faith is reformed." Would you say this is true or false from your own life? Expand on your answer.
8. How are you presently trying to give the Bible a larger role in your life as Josiah did?
9. Think of the supporting characters around Josiah...who fulfills that kind of role for you? Especially, who is your "Huldah"? How do you receive God's word from them?
10. What does this text call you to do?

Remember:

When we are open to receiving God's word, we will respond to that word.

¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became king, & he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah from Bozkath. ² He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight & followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right.

³ In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent Shaphan son of Azaliah & grandson of Meshullam, the court secretary, to the Temple of the Lord. He told him, ⁴ "Go to Hilkiah the high priest & have him count the money the gatekeepers have collected from the people at the Lord's Temple. ⁵ Entrust this money to the men assigned to supervise the restoration of the Lord's Temple. Then they can use it to pay workers to repair the Temple. ⁶ They will need to hire carpenters, builders, & masons. Also have them buy the timber & the finished stone needed to repair the Temple. ⁷ But don't require the construction supervisors to keep account of the money they receive, for they are honest & trustworthy men."

⁸ Hilkiah the high priest 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, & he read it. ⁹ Shaphan went to the king & reported, "Your officials have turned over the money collected at the Temple of the Lord to the workers & supervisors at the Temple." ¹⁰ Shaphan also told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll." So Shaphan read it to the king.

¹¹ When the king heard what was written in the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes in despair.

¹² Then he gave these orders to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Acbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the court secretary, & Asaiah the king's personal adviser: ¹³ "He ordered them all: "Go & pray to God for me & for this people—for all Judah! Find out what we must do in response to what is written in this book that has just been found! God's anger must be burning furiously against us—our ancestors haven't obeyed a thing written in this book. They followed none of the instructions directed to us.""

¹⁴ So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Acbor, Shaphan, & Asaiah went to the New Quarter of Jerusalem to consult with the prophet Huldah. She was the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, the keeper of the Temple wardrobe.

¹⁵ She said to them, “The Lord, the God of Israel, has spoken! Go back & tell the man who sent you, ¹⁶ “This is what the Lord says: I am going to bring disaster on this city & its people. All the words written in the scroll that the king of Judah has read will come true. ¹⁷ For my people have abandoned me & offered sacrifices to pagan gods, & I am very angry with them for everything they have done. My anger will burn against this place, & it will not be quenched.”

¹⁸ “But go to the king of Judah who sent you to seek the Lord & tell him: ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says concerning the message you have just heard: ¹⁹ You were sorry & humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I said against this city & its people—that this land would be cursed & become desolate. You tore your clothing in despair & wept before me in repentance. I have indeed heard you, says the Lord. ²⁰ So I will not send the promised disaster until after you have died & been buried in peace. You will not see the disaster I am going to bring on this city.’” So they took her message back to the king.

CHILDREN’S TIME:

SONG: *Before the Throne of God Above*

FAITH CHAT:

1. When you feel like you are in a “no win” situation, what do you do?
How do you pray?
2. How would you describe the Bible’s impact on your life?

THE MESSAGE: *LIVING COURAGEOUSLY: JOSIAH*

OFFERING SONG: *God of Creation (AT 605)*

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: Cry For Humility (Christ our Life)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
Christ has made you his to live courageously in his Name!
-- Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *Holy Spirit Living Water (AT 359)*

SHOW HIS LOVE

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