



LIFE GROUP SERMON NOTES

“Think 3: To Be Continued...”

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Warm up questions (10-15 mins)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What do you think it means to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord?
- Who had the greatest impact on your life growing up?
- Which of your parents do you favor the most?

Word (10-15 minutes)

2 Kings 22:1-2: Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the ways of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

God often uses the example of multiple generations of a people to communicate an eternal truth. It is not on accident that the one who wrote 2 Kings points out that Josiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. Josiah's life gives us some important lessons for our own lives and the next generation.

The King's Standards

The kings previous to Josiah, his father and grandfather, had been extremely wicked. This left a poor example for God's people, and the next king. Despite decades of poor examples of previous kings, Josiah chose to honor God. This tells us that even if we have grown up in a bad environment with bad examples we do not have to follow those bad examples. In many ways our family tells us who we are, and shows us how to live. However, we have been adopted into a new family by the blood of Christ, and we now have a new way that we are called to live.

- We need to realize that our family doesn't have to determine our destiny, we have a new inheritance, and a new way of living in Christ.

The King's Counsel

Why was Josiah able to set a new standard despite the ungodly legacy that had been passed on to him? He was able to set a new standard because of the counselors that surrounded him. The high priest, the prophets, and the Word of God shifted Josiah's ungodly heritage to that of his father David. It is interesting that even though King David was not Josiah's actual father the author states that Josiah "walked in all the ways of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right or the left." The older generation in the church serves as an example for the next generation. The way we follow God will become a reference point for the next generation. Therefore, we should consider our lives in light of the generations coming after us.

- As God's people we need to recognize that our lives impact the lives of the people around us especially those who are coming after us.

A King's King

John 2:13-22 In the temple courts [Jesus] found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Old Testament stories often reveal to us a type of Christ. Josiah serves this purpose in several ways. Just as Josiah honored God and did what was right in God's eyes from an early age, so did Jesus. Just as Josiah cleansed the temple of idols, Jesus cleansed the temple of the money changers, and drove out those who made God's temple into a market. Ultimately Jesus paid the price for the true temple to be cleansed by His own precious blood. That temple was us, and He cleansed us of our sins so that we could become the dwelling place of God. Just as zeal for God's house consumed Jesus we likewise should have a Holy reverence for God's house.

- We need to tend to the temple of our heart, and allow Jesus to kick out the money changers, and the idols which have taken the place of God.

Discussion (10-15 Minutes)

Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our own lives.

- What kind of example should we be leaving for the next generation?
- In what ways do you believe you are impacting the world around you?
- Are there any areas in your life that you feel God needs to change based on something you learned from your upbringing?

Prayer (10-15 Minutes)

Pray for one of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Thank the Lord for his sacrifice that cleanses and frees you from the curse of sin.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you honor God in all you do.

- Pray that your life would leave a Godly legacy for the generation coming behind you.