

# Hearing God's Word (2 Kings 22 - 23)

## Basic Training – Part 3

Life Church St. Louis – September 20, 2015

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2 Peter 1:21 (NIV) For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ to walk in God's ways

2 Kings 22:2 (NIV) He [Josiah] did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

#### 1A. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's temple

2 Kings 22:5 (NIV) Have them entrust it [money] to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. And have these men pay the workers who repair the temple of the LORD--

#### 1B. \_\_\_\_\_ the treasure of God's Word

2 Kings 22:8 (NIV) Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

2 Kings 22:10 (NIV) Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

### 2A. \_\_\_\_\_ of your sin

2 Kings 22:11 (NIV) When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes.

### 2B. \_\_\_\_\_ God's guidance

2 Kings 22:13 (NIV) "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that burns against us because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us."

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

2 Kings 22:19 (NIV) Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people, that they would become accursed and laid waste, and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD.

#### 3A. \_\_\_\_\_ God's truth

2 Kings 23:1-2 (NIV) Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the LORD with the men of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets--all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD.

#### 3B. Remove all \_\_\_\_\_

2 Kings 23:4 (NIV) The king ordered Hilkiyah the high priest, the priests next in rank and the doorkeepers to remove from the temple of the LORD all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the starry hosts. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and took the ashes to Bethel.

#### 3C. Turn to God \_\_\_\_\_

2 Kings 23:25 (NIV) Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did--with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.

# Hearing God's Word (2 Kings 22 - 23) Study Guide

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Intro. How would you describe to someone the uniqueness and value of the Bible?

In what ways is the author of the Bible the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21)?

What is the purpose of the Bible and why should we read it (2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

Why do you think that less than 1 in 5 Americans read the Bible four or more times a week?

1A. How do you think that Josiah chose to walk in God's ways even though his father and grandfather had not (2 Kings 22:2)?

1B. Why do you think that the Lord's temple was in need of repair when Josiah became king (2 Kings 22:5)?

1C. In what ways is it significant that God's Word had been lost for many years in Judah (2 Kings 22:8)?

1D. How are sacrificing of infants (abortion) and the celebration of homosexuality signs of a decadent society headed for God's judgment (2 Kings 22:17, 23:7, 10)?

1E. What can we do to repair God's church and stand for God's truth in our time?

2A. What impact does it have when a person reads God's Word with a heart to understand and obey (2 Kings 22:10)?

2B. What do you think that King Josiah repented of when he heard God's Word (2 Kings 22:11)?

2C. Why did King Josiah seek God's guidance after repenting (2 Kings 22:13)?

2D. What types of things must we repent of every time we read the Bible in order to be changed?

3A. Why was God pleased with Josiah's responsiveness and humility upon hearing God's Word (2 Kings 22:19)?

3B. Do you think it was easy for King Josiah to share the truth of God's Word with the entire nation (2 Kings 23:1-2)?

3C. Why did repentance require Josiah to destroy all the idols in the temple and land (1 Kings 23:4)?

3D. How is King Josiah an example for us of wholehearted turning to the Lord (2 Kings 23:25)?

3E. What steps can you take in your life and family to make God's Word a priority?