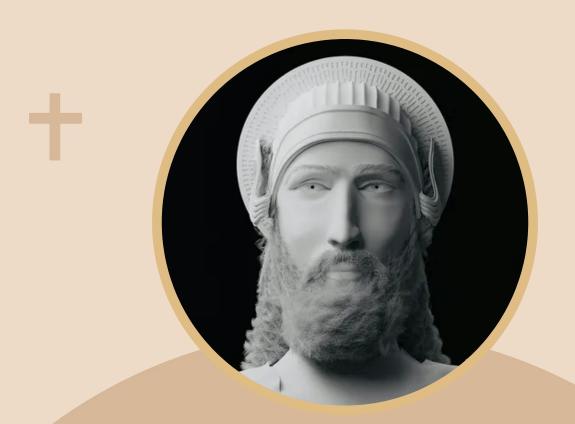
## King Josiah: A Young Reformer's Journey



Explore the life of King Josiah, a young king who led a powerful spiritual revival in Judah through faithfulness and the Word of God.





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#### Introduction

**King Josiah** stands out in the Bible as a remarkable example of youthful leadership and passionate devotion to God. Becoming king of Judah at just eight years old, Josiah's story is one of courage, repentance, and profound reformation during a dark period of idolatry and moral decline. His commitment to restoring true worship and turning the nation back to God inspires believers to see how even young people can lead powerful spiritual change.

Josiah's journey emphasizes the centrality of the *Bible* as God's revealed Word. When the Book of the Law was discovered in the temple during his reign, Josiah's heart was deeply moved. This event sparked a national revival, where the Word shaped his policies and people's hearts. This highlights the transformative power of Scripture and the importance of obedience to God's commands.

Throughout this 7-day study, we will dive into the story of Josiah's reign, exploring key scriptures from 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles that reveal how he responded to God's Word and led a spiritual awakening. We will reflect on the role of Scripture in our own lives—how it guides, convicts, comforts, and challenges us to be faithful in our generation.

Join us as we learn from Josiah's example: a young reformer who trusted God, embraced His Word, and courageously stood against the tide of his culture.







## Day 1: Josiah's Early Reign and Heart for God









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#### Your Verse

2 Kings 22:1 - "Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Chronicles 34:3 "In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, Josiah began to seek the God of his father David."
- Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."







Day 1: Josiah's Early Reign and Heart for God

#### Devotional: Starting Young: Josiah's Heart for God

The story of Josiah begins with a young boy ascending the throne during a troubled time in Judah. Despite his youth, Josiah made a deliberate choice to seek God early in his reign, an otherwise difficult season filled with idol worship among the people. This pursuit of God reveals a heart turned toward the Lord and the importance of choice in spiritual leadership.

Josiah's early devotion serves as a powerful reminder that age is not a barrier to faithfulness. His example challenges us to seek God wholeheartedly, trusting that He will guide us even when we face challenges or uncertainties. Like Josiah, our journey begins when we intentionally seek God's presence and wisdom in our daily lives.

Reflecting on Josiah's early reign, what can we learn about starting with a heart disposition that honors God? How might our faith shape the culture around us if we commit ourselves to God now?







Day 1: ... Josiah's Early Reign and Heart for God

## Reflect and Apply

	How does Josiah's early commitment challenge your view of youth and spiritual leadership?
2.	In what ways can you "seek the Lord" like Josiah today in your own life?
	What obstacles might discourage young believers, and how can Josiah's example encourage perseverance?







Day 1: Dosiah's Early Reign and Heart for God

#### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a time when you had to rely on faith despite feeling young or inexperienced.
2.	List ways you can intentionally seek God this week.
3.	Reflect on what 'trusting God' looks like personally for you.







Day 1: Josiah's Early Reign and Heart for God

#### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of King Josiah, whose youthful heart sought after You wholeheartedly. Help me to cultivate a heart like his — eager to seek Your guidance and trust Your ways. Even when I feel inexperienced, remind me that Your power works through those who are willing. Strengthen my faith today and lead me in Your truth as I commit to follow You. May Your Word be the lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path. *In Jesus' name, amen.*















#### Your Verse

2 Kings 22:8 - "Hilkiah the priest said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children."
- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."







#### Devotional: The Life-Changing Power of God's Word

One of the most pivotal moments in Josiah's reign was the rediscovery of the lost Book of the Law. This event not only shocked the king but also set in motion a dramatic revival. The discovery showed how far the nation had drifted from God's commands and highlighted the power of Scripture to awaken conviction and repentance.

The rediscovery reminds us of the indispensable role of the Bible in guiding God's people. Without the Word, Josiah's reformation would have lacked biblical foundation. This teaches us the importance of knowing Scripture personally. The Word of God brings clarity, correction, and hope.

Ask yourself how often you engage deeply with Scripture. Like Josiah, would you respond with humility and obedience if God's Word revealed areas needing change in your life?







## Reflect and Apply

	What significance does the discovery of God's Word have for Josiah and Judah?
2.	How does Scripture act as a 'lamp' and 'light' in your daily walk?
	When have you experienced God's Word convicting or encouraging you recently?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time the Bible revealed something important to you.
2.	Write about how you can prioritize reading and applying Scripture.
3.	Journal your response if you discovered new truths about God today.







#### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord,** thank You for the gift of Your Word—the Bible, a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Like King Josiah, may I be eager to discover and obey Your commands even when they convict me. Open my heart and mind to receive Your truth, and help me apply it faithfully in my life. Guide me to live by Your Word, transforming me daily. *In Jesus' name, amen.* 1









## Day 3: 🜔 Josiah's Covenant Renewal









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#### Your Verse

2 Chronicles 34:31 – "Then the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord to follow the Lord and keep his commands, laws and decrees with all his heart and all his soul."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Joshua 24:15 "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
- Romans 12:1 "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."







Day 3: 6 Josiah's Covenant Renewal

## Devotional: Wholehearted Commitment to God's Covenant

After reading the Book of the Law, Josiah responded with a public and personal renewal of covenant with God. This was not just a formality, but a heartfelt pledge to live in faithful obedience, to reject idolatry, and to lead his people back to God.

This covenant renewal reveals the necessity of intentional commitment in our faith journey. It is not enough to just know the Word; obedience and wholehearted dedication must follow. Josiah's example encourages us to evaluate our own commitment to God's standards and the seriousness of living out our faith.

Consider the areas in your life where you may need to renew your covenant with God. What does wholehearted allegiance to Him look like for you in your everyday choices?







Day 3: 💍 Josiah's Covenant Renewal

#### Reflect and Apply

1.	Why was Josiah's covenant renewal significant for him and his nation?
2.	How does making a covenant with God affect your daily decisions?
3.	What areas of your life need renewed commitment to God today?







Day 3: 💍 Josiah's Covenant Renewal

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a personal covenant statement dedicating yourself to God.
2.	Reflect on how past commitments have shaped your faith journey.
3.	List practical steps to demonstrate your obedience to God.







Day 3: 💍 Josiah's Covenant Renewal

#### **Prayer for Today**

**Father God,** just like Josiah, help me to make a solemn covenant to follow You with all my heart and soul. Teach me what it means to serve You daily with sincerity and dedication. Strengthen my resolve to obey Your commands and lead by example. May my life be a living sacrifice pleasing in Your sight. *In Jesus' name, amen.*















#### Your Verse

2 Kings 23:4 - "Josiah removed all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the starry hosts from the temple of the Lord."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Exodus 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before me."
- Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."







#### Devotional: Courage to Remove Life's Idols

One of Josiah's boldest acts as king was purging the nation of idolatry and pagan worship practices. This was not popular or easy—idols had taken root deeply—but Josiah's devotion to God compelled him to act decisively.

His courage calls us to identify and remove anything in our lives that competes with God's rightful place. Idolatry today may not be physical statues, but it can be anything that takes our time, trust, or affection away from God.

Reflect on what modern idols may affect your heart. It takes humility and strength to remove them, but true worship requires God's supremacy. How can Josiah's example inspire you to pursue holiness and wholehearted devotion?







## Reflect and Apply

What idols might Josiah have faced removing, and why was this difficult?
Are there any 'idols' in your life that compete with your worship of God?
How can you cultivate courage to surrender these idols to God?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Identify things in your life that distract or replace God's place.
2.	Write a prayer asking God to purify your heart.
3.	List practical ways to resist temptation and live in holiness.







#### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord,** like King Josiah, give me the courage to remove anything that draws me away from You. Help me to recognize the idols in my life and surrender them fully. Purify my heart and renew a steadfast spirit within me. May my worship be pure and focused solely on You. Guide me to walk in holiness and truth every day. *In Jesus' powerful name, amen.*















#### Your Verse

2 Kings 23:25 – "Before him there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity."
- Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before others."







#### Devotional: Impactful Leadership Rooted in Faith

Josiah's reign is a testimony to what a committed, God-fearing leader can accomplish. His wholehearted pursuit of God led to a widespread spiritual revival in Judah. This revival was not simply religious reform—it brought restoration of God's standards across the nation.

Josiah's story encourages us that leaders, especially young ones, can profoundly impact those around them by embodying faith and integrity. Your influence—whether in family, school, church, or community—can spark change when rooted in devotion to God.

Consider your leadership opportunities. How can you serve as a beacon for God's truth and lead others toward revival in your sphere of influence?







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What qualities made Josiah a unique leader according to Scripture?
2.	How can your example influence others for Christ today?
3.	What areas in your life are God calling you to lead faithfully?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a leader who inspired your faith journey.
2.	Reflect on ways you can be a spiritual influence at school or work.
3.	List attributes you want to develop as a godly leader.







#### **Prayer for Today**

**Dear God,** thank You for King Josiah's example of wholehearted leadership. Help me to lead with integrity, love, and faith regardless of my age or status. Empower me to be a positive influence for Your kingdom, letting my light shine for others to see. Give me boldness and wisdom to inspire revival in my circles. *In Jesus' name, amen.*







## Day 6: P The Lasting Legacy of Josiah









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#### Your Verse

2 Chronicles 35:19–20 – "Josiah held a Passover to the Lord... But after all this, when Josiah had set the temple in order, he went out to fight Pharaoh Necho."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 11:4 "By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did."
- 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race."







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#### Devotional: Faithful Living Leaves Enduring Legacy

Josiah's legacy is marked by devotion and courage, culminating in leading one of the most significant Passovers recorded in the Bible. Though his life ended prematurely in battle, his spiritual impact endured beyond his reign.

This reminds us that a faithful life leaves a lasting legacy, even if our time is brief. What we do for God today echoes into future generations. Josiah's legacy is found in his obedience, reform, and love for God.

Reflect on the legacy you want to leave. How can your faith influence those around you and generations to come?







Day 6:  $\bigcirc$  The Lasting Legacy of Josiah

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What aspects of Josiah's legacy continue to inspire God's people?
2.	How can your faith today influence future generations?
3.	What motivates you to live a life that honors God fully?







Day 6:  $\bigcirc$  The Lasting Legacy of Josiah

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about the spiritual legacy you hope to leave.
2.	Reflect on ways you can impact others with your faith now.
3.	Pray about the gifts God has given you to serve others.







Day 6: O The Lasting Legacy of Josiah

#### **Prayer for Today**

**Gracious God,** thank You for the example of Josiah's faithful legacy. Help me to live each day with purpose and courage, honoring You in all I do. May my actions inspire those who come after me to seek You with all their hearts. Strengthen me to finish the race well, keeping my eyes fixed on Jesus. *In His name, amen.* 🙏 🖏 🗀

















#### Your Verse

Romans 12:2 – "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
- James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."







#### Devotional: Living Transformed by God's Word

As we conclude this study, the challenge before us is clear: emulate Josiah's example by seeking God diligently, obeying His Word, removing spiritual idols, and leading by faith. Josiah's story encourages us to reject the world's patterns and renew our minds through Scripture, allowing God's Word to transform us.

The Bible is not just history—it is life-changing and active today. Let Josiah's zeal inspire you to commit fully to God's ways, applying His truth in everyday life so you too can lead a reformation in your sphere.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's empowerment to live as Josiah did—with courage, obedience, and passion for God.







## Reflect and Apply

What practical steps can you take to apply Josiah's example today?
How does renewing your mind with Scripture impact your choices?
In what areas do you need God's strength to obey Him fully?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write specific ways you will apply lessons from Josiah's life.
2.	Reflect on your current spiritual 'idols' and plan removal steps.
3.	List prayers asking God for strength to live transformed.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** thank You for teaching me through King Josiah's life. Help me to reject worldly patterns and be transformed by Your Word each day. Fill me with Your Spirit so I may obey faithfully and influence others for Your glory. Strengthen my heart to live courageously and passionately for You. May my life reflect Your holiness and love. *In Jesus' name, amen.*  $\bigwedge$ 







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