

Personal Obedience!

*Sunday July 15, 2023
Celebrate Summer Series: Be Different*

*“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed,
so now not only as in my presence but much more in my absence,
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,
for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”
Philippians 2:12–13 ESV*

My Spiritual Development Require Me to Take the Initiative!

Work to Have a _____ Faith

King _____ of Israel (2 Kings 13:1-9)

*“He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin; he did not depart from them.”
2 Kings 13:2 ESV*

*“And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them continually into the hand of Hazael king of Syria and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael. Then Jehoahaz sought the favor of the LORD, and the LORD listened to him, for he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them. (Therefore the LORD gave Israel a savior, so that they escaped from the hand of the Syrians, and the people of Israel lived in their homes as formerly. Nevertheless, they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, which he made Israel to sin, but walked in them; and the Asherah also remained in Samaria.)”
2 Kings 13:3–6 ESV*

Work to Build an _____ Faith

King _____ of Israel (2 Kings 13:10-25)

*“He also did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin, but he walked in them.”
2 Kings 13:11 ESV*

*“Then he said to the king of Israel, “Draw the bow,” and he drew it. And Elisha laid his hands on the king’s hands. And he said, “Open the window eastward,” and he opened it. Then Elisha said, “Shoot,” and he shot. And he said, “The LORD’s arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria! For you shall fight the Syrians in Aphek until you have made an end of them.” And he said, “Take the arrows,” and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, “Strike the ground with them.” And he struck three times and stopped. Then the man of God was angry with him and said, “You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck down Syria until you had made an end of it, but now you will strike down Syria only three times.””
2 Kings 13:16–19 ESV*

Work to Live a Christ _____ Faith

King _____ of Judah (2 Kings 11:21-12:21; 2 Chronicles 24:1-22)

*“And Jehoash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord all his days, because Jehoiada the priest instructed him. Nevertheless, the high places were not taken away; the people continued to sacrifice and make offerings on the high places.”
2 Kings 12:2–3 ESV*

(Also Deuteronomy 12:4-7)

of the Temple

“After this Joash decided to restore the house of the Lord. And he gathered the priests and the Levites and said to them, “Go out to the cities of Judah and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you act quickly.” But the Levites did not act quickly.”
2 Chronicles 24:4–5 ESV

“But by the twenty-third year of King Jehoash, the priests had made no repairs on the house.”
2 Kings 12:6 ESV

Integrity with Finances (2 Kings 12:10)
Integrity of the Contactors (2 Kings 12:11, 15)
Generosity of the People (2 Chronicles 24:14)

Death of _____ the Priest

“But Jehoiada grew old and full of days, and died. He was 130 years old at his death.”
2 Chronicles 24:15 ESV

Listens to _____

“Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. And they abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs.”
2 Chronicles 24:17-18 ESV

Rejected _____

“Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention.”
2 Chronicles 24:19 ESV

Killed God’s Messenger _____ [Jehoiada’s Son](2 Chronicles 24:20)

“But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD.”
2 Chronicles 24:21 ESV

Consequences

“At the end of the year the army of the Syrians came up against Joash. They came to Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.”
2 Chronicles 24:23 ESV

Vulnerable to a Weaker Enemy (2 Chronicle 24:24)
Severely Wounded in Battle (2 Chronicles 24:25a)
Forced to Pay Tribute (2 Kings 12:18)
Killed in Coup (2 Chronicles 24:25b)

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
2 Timothy 3:16–17 ESV

Do I Have a Consistent Faith?
Am I Building an Informed Faith?
Am I Living a Christ Dependent Faith?

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