

King Joash

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Taking it Home:

1. Joash never seemed to make his relationship with God his own. What can you do to cultivate your walk with the Lord?

Sermon notes:

Prayer Concerns:

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting started:

1. Who has been the single most influential person in your relationship with God? Why?

Digging deeper:

Read 2 Chronicles 24:1-14

1. Josiah's reign is divided into two parts: the good [1-16] and the bad [17-32]. How would you describe Joash's reign in the first 14 verses of 2 Chronicles 24?
2. Verse 2 says, *"Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord all the years of Jehoiada the priest."* What is the connection between Joash's right action and Jehoiada's presence in his life?

Read 2 Chronicles 24:15-16

3. With the death of Jehoiada, Joash lost a father figure, mentor, and religious leader. How have you—or would you—respond to losing such an important person in your life?

Read 2 Chronicles 24:17-22

4. Verse 17 begins the bad part of Joash's reign. What was different from the first part when Jehoiada, the priest, was alive? What does the difference say about Joash's faith in God?
5. An article from the website The Good Report says, "Perhaps young king Josiah's weakness was that he was never taught to think for himself as a child king. When his peer group changed from a godly advisor to godless friends, he'd developed no spine or self-determination, no critical thinking, no confidence to disagree or live according to his own principles." How does thinking for ourselves help us grow our faith and walk with the Lord?
6. How did Joash's new influences impact his leadership and faith? What impact can friends have on our relationship with God?
7. In your opinion, did Joash ever have a relationship with God? Why or why not?