

Our Calling: Pass On Our Faith - Joash 2 Kings 11-12 · 2 Chronicles 21-24

"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4

Trust in God's sovereign rule to accomplish His eternal purposes.

- **The Promise:** Jesus will come from the line of David. 2 Samuel 7:16-17; Psalm 89:3-4; Luke 1:31-33
- **The Problem:** Joash's life is in danger and he is the last living relative in the line of David.
- **The Solution:** Jehoida, high priest, protects Joash and passes on his faith to him. 2 Kings 12:1-3
Jehoash did right in the sight of the LORD all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

Be willing and available to share your faith with those whom God reveals to you.

2 Chronicles 22:10-12

- Even if the circumstances seem impossible and long. Seven years of caring for him.
- Even though it may be inconvenient and risky at times.

Partner with others to preserve and pass on your faith. "Better Together" 2 Chronicles 23

"Now in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took captains of hundreds: ... and they entered into a covenant with him." (v.1)

Remain focused to pass on what is important to God. 2 Chronicles 23:16-21

"Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself and all the people and the king, that they would be the LORD'S people." (v. 16)

- Live like we are the Lord's people (v.16)
- Remove sinful influences in your life (v.17)
- Serve under the authority of godly leaders. (v.18)
- Learn and practice God's Word in corporate worship (v.18)
- Live faithfully with your community of faith (v.21)
- Look for generosity to God's work as a sign of growth 2 Chronicles 24:10-14

Be prepared for disappointments from those you have helped. 2 Chronicles 24:15-27

- You can do all the right things but still not find long standing spiritual fruit (v.16)
- Some spiritual failures may never make sense (v.17-22)

Therefore...

For those passing on your faith - be faithful in passing on your faith regardless of the circumstances and results.

For those being mentored in your faith - grow deep and mature in your faith so you do not fall away. Hebrews 12:1-3

DIGGING DEEPER + LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

Here are the characters in today's passages:

Athaliah - Daughter of Ahab and Jezebel

- Wife of King Jehoram of Judah who died of intestinal illness. 2 Chronicles 21:12-20
- Mother of King Ahaziah of Judah
- Grandmother of King Joash of Judah
- Attempted to kill all her grandchildren to secure the throne for herself but did not find Joash
- Ruled as Queen of Judah for six-years 841-835 B.C.

Jehosheba - Daughter of Athaliah's husband, King Jehoram

- Saved the life of Joash
- A sister of King Ahaziah of Judah
- Aunt of King Joash
- Married to Jehoiada, served as high priest (2 Chron. 22:11)

Jehoiada - High priest who mentored King Joash. 2 Kings 12:1-3; 2 Chronicles 23

Joash - Grandson of Athaliah, became King of Judah at age 7

- Mentored by Jehosheba and Jehoiada.
- Last surviving member in David's line to be king.

The mentoring relationship of Jehoiada and Jehosheba, husband and wife, protected Joash and the line of David.

Mentoring is important in scripture. Learn what these verses teach on mentoring and how you should respond.

- What should we be doing based on some of Jesus' last words? Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8
- What did the Apostle Paul tell us to do in 2 Timothy 2:2?
- What qualities do you see in the relationship between Jonathan and David? 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 23:17
- How did Aquila and Priscilla help Apollos? How can you help others? Acts 18:24-26
- How did Barnabas mentor Saul when others feared and did not trust him? How can you help others? Acts 9:26-30
- How did Timothy's mother and grandmother help mentor him? What did they teach him? How can families help mentor one another? 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-17
- What other teaching should occur in the family? Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- What are older women to do in the church? Titus 2:3-5
- What should the older generation do for the younger generation? Psalm 145:4 and 78:1-8

One of my professors, Gordon MacDonald, offers six kinds of friends we all may need:

- **The Sponsor:** A mentor who takes up the role for your growth. Mordecai was Esther's sponsor. Esther 4:13-14
- **The Affirmer:** Comes along side to inspire and encourage. 1 Thessalonians 1:7; Philemon 5
- **The Rebuker:** A truth teller who bruises us with corrective talk. Proverbs 27:5,6; Luke 22:61; John 21:22
- **The Intercessor:** A faithful prayer warrior on our behalf. Luke 22:31-32
- **The Partner:** One who helps carry the "load" and responsibility. Philippians 2:25; Romans 16:3, 9; 2 Corinthians 8:23
- **The Pastor:** One who genuinely cares with compassion. 2 Timothy 1:15-18; 1 Timothy 1:5

NEXT STEPS:

1. **Place your faith in Jesus Christ.** You don't become a Christian simply by showing up to church or modifying your behavior. You become a Christian when you surrender your life to Jesus Christ by faith, acknowledging that Jesus is God and He alone is the Savior, the forgiver of your sins, your leader, the Lord and captain of your life. Read John 3 and Romans 10 to get a better understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus and/or use the booklet in the seat rack in front of you called "How to Connect with God" or visit calvarylife.org/jesus
2. **Join our next 'Discover Jesus' class to discover how to live and love like Jesus.** This 9-week class meets on Wednesdays, March 1 - April 26, at 7:00pm in room D-2. Learn more at calvarylife.org/discoverjesus
3. **Be mentored by another Christian.** One-on-one mentoring and discipleship is a great resource for growing in your faith. Learn more at calvarylife.org/discipleship