

Vanguard Training 2: Bible's Authority

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Read: 2 Chronicles 34; 35: 6, 20-24.

Summarize the Bible's Account of King Josiah

How can we praise, give thanks or worship God through this story?

Are there examples in this story to follow?

- 34:3 Josiah sought God but still needed to know God's written Word to have a relationship with Him and obey His commands
- 34:8, 14 Josiah repaired the LORD's physical temple. (We need to repair God's divided spiritual temple. Eph. 2:19-22)
- 34:18 Josiah discovered God's Word
- 34:19 Josiah repented for sins of omission from not obeying the Bible's commands. He respected God's punishment for failure to know, believe and obey His Word
- 34:27 Josiah had a tender heart and humbled himself to obey God's Word. He understood that the Bible revealed the way to establish a relationship with God and wasn't a bunch of rules.
- 34:30 Josiah read all the Book of the Covenant to all of the people without discriminating between their social classes.
- 34:31 Josiah made a covenant to obey God's Word completely with deep commitment
- 34:32 Josiah used his influence to lead God's people to take a stand on God's Word
- 35:6 Josiah respected the absolute authority of all of God's Word--God gave every word supernaturally through Moses who wrote it down without error. (2 Timothy 3:15, 2 Peter 1:20, 21)
- 35:20-24 Good: Necho King of Egypt obeyed God's Word regardless of opposition
Bad: Josiah attempted to hinder obedience to God's Word and suffered the tragic consequences

Why must true discipleship respect the Bible's authority? Teach obedience to Christ's Great Commission? (Matthew 28:18-20)

Pair up and retell Josiah's story and review the lesson to practice for your own vanguard discipleship group. Share the names of your group members and pray together.