

## 2 Kings 22:1–2 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years... <sup>2</sup> He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in ALL the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 22:8, 10–13 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD...”<sup>10</sup> Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, “Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book...”

<sup>11</sup> When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. <sup>12</sup> He gave these orders... <sup>13</sup> “Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found...

<sup>13</sup> ...Great is the LORD's anger that burns against us because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us."

**The POWER of  
God's WORD**

**2 Chronicles 34-35**

2 Chron. 33:21-22, 24 (NIV)

**AMON** was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem **TWO years**.<sup>22</sup> He **DID Evil in the eyes of the LORD**, **AS** his father Manasseh had done.

## When Josiah WAS...

8 yrs. old he was **CROWNED** King

16 yrs. old e started **SEEKING** God

20 yrs. old he started to **PURGE idol worship** from  
Judah and Israel

<sup>2</sup> He did what was **RIGHT** in the eyes of the **LORD** and followed the ways of his father David, **NOT turning aside to the right or to the left.**



34:2 He **did what the LORD approved** and  
**followed** in his ancestor **David's footsteps**;  
he did **NOT Deviate** to the **Right** or the **Left**.

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## **When Josiah WAS...**

26 yrs. old he **Started TEMPLE Repairs**

26 yrs. old **God's WORD** was Found and **READ**

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NIV)

Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God, the LORD is one.** <sup>5</sup> **Love the LORD your God** with **ALL** your **heart** and with **ALL** your **soul** and with **ALL** your **strength.** <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be **upon your hearts.**

**When Josiah WAS 26 yrs. old ...**

he Started **TEMPLE Repairs**

**God's WORD** was **Found** and **READ**

they **Renewed** their **COMMITMENT** to **God**

they **Celebrated** the **Passover**

2 Kings 23:25-26 (NIV)

Neither **before** nor **after Josiah** was there a king like him **who turned to the LORD as he did** – with **ALL his heart** and with **ALL his soul** and with **ALL his strength**, in accordance with **ALL the Law of Moses.**

<sup>26</sup> Nevertheless, the LORD did not turn away from the heat of HIS fierce anger, which burned against Judah because of ALL that Manasseh had done to provoke him to anger.

<sup>29</sup> Then the **king called together ALL** the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>30</sup> He went up to the temple of the LORD with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Priests and the Levites -

**ALL** the people from the **LEAST** to the **GREATEST**  
He **READ** in their hearing **ALL the words of the**  
**Book of the Covenant**, which had been found in  
the temple of the **LORD**.



## READING God's Word Publicly Showed... NAC

- the **WORD** of God was meant for **EVERYONE**
- it **IS Inspired** and **AUTHORITATIVE**

## Lessons From Josiah

- **SEEK** God
- Focusing ON **God's WORD**
- **Put AWAY** idols
- Make a **COMMITMENT**

He came to my desk with a quivering lip,  
the lesson was done.

Have you a new sheet for me, dear teacher?

I've spoiled this one.

I took his sheet, all soiled and blotted

and gave him a new one all unspotted.  
And into his tired heart I cried,  
Do better now, my child.

I came to the throne with a trembling heart;  
the day was done.

Have you a new day for me, dear Master?  
I've spoiled this one.

He took my day, all soiled and blotted  
and gave me a new one all unspotted.  
And into my tired heart he cried,  
Do better now, my child.