ccf chronicle WEEKLY BULLETIN Vol. 37 October 26 to 27, 2024 **SEEK GOD TODAY**

MESSAGE SERIES:

You cannot change yesterday. Tomorrow is not here yet. But you can do something today.

King Josiah became king when he was 8 years old (2 Kings 22:1, 2 Chronicles 34:1) and reigned 31 years in Jerusalem. His grandfather, Manasseh, did evil in the sight of the Lord (2 Chronicles 33:1-2), as did his father Amon (2 Chronicles 33:21-22). But Josiah was different from them: at 16 years old, he sought God and did right in the eyes of the Lord (2 Chronicles 34:2-3). What can we learn from the life of King Josiah?

GET RID OF IDOLS (2 Chronicles 34:1-8)

God hates idols. They become snares that weigh us down in life (Psalm 106:36) and are worthless (Jeremiah 2:5).

At 20 years old, King Josiah began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of their idols (2 Chronicles 34:3). People back then thought that Baal (god of sun and rain) and Asherah (goddess of moon and fertility) were the sources of prosperity, success, comfort, and security (v.4). But by completely getting rid of these idols, Josiah implied that these are the wrong places to look for these things. (v.5, 7). When all the idols were gone, he then began restoring God's temple and, in the process, found the Book of the Law of the Lord, which they thought was lost.

The Christian life is a journey, and God knows us so well that He understands that we unknowingly have idols at times. As we learn and grow, we realize that there are things in our lives that do not please God. As God teaches us, we respond in obedience, and when we get rid of idols, our lives become open to God's blessing.

Truth: True life and joy is found in the right ordering of our lives with God as the center.

Application: Surrender and get rid of any modern-day idol.

OBEY HIS WORD

(2 Chronicles 34:19-21, 24-33)

When Josiah realized he and his people have been disobedient for years (vv.19-21), they were filled with repentance and worshipped God.

The king read the book of the Law to the people and made a covenant before the Lord to walk after Him (vv.29-31). All those who were there also did according to the covenant (vv.32-33). Throughout the lifetime of Josiah, they did not turn from following the Lord.

God's word changes us. It is the key to obedience (Deuteronomy 17:18-20). It's like an oasis in the desert: in Josiah's case, one good king in between bad ones changed an entire lifetime. We can do this in our generation!

Truth: God has His commands for your protection and lasting joy.

Application: Don't delay. Obey right away to experience joy all the way.

DEPEND ON HIM (2 Chronicles 35:18)

When King Josiah found God's word, they immediately made a covenant and celebrated the Passover unlike any since the time of Samuel. This young king chose to be different from his father and his grandfather. He put in his heart to get rid of idols and obey.

The Passover feast reminded the Jews that they cannot save themselves and that they needed God. They needed the blood of the lamb on their doorposts. For us, Jesus is our Passover lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7b). We cannot even start to get rid of idols or obey God unless we first receive His gift of salvation (Romans 6:23, John 3:16). Salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone. We do not add to it or take away from it. Someday we will be asked whether we were faithful in our salvation, in the

knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to His word. We will be held to account for how we live today, so let us depend on Jesus and obey (Galatians 5:16).

Truth: Faith in Jesus alone saves us and by His power alone can we let go of idols and obey.

Application: Trust in Jesus alone for salvation and then rely on Him to surrender and obey!

last week's memory verse

But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.

JEREMIAH 7:23

discuss this message

What are you hoping in for happiness? Is God in the center of that hope?

What can you start doing to depend on God and His power more? Is there a possible idol in your life? If yes, how will you put God in front of it?

Who is someone you can share Jesus with? Start praying for them!

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From Womb to Tomb: 7 of Life's Legal Matters with Atty. Malu Mendoza October 31, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE © (*) ccfwomen2women CCFWomen2WomenMinistry

B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

No BIG Fridays on October 31. CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE BIGMinistry

MOVEMEN+ ALL MEN

Man Down, Man Up! A One-Day Retreat open to all men 18 years old and up November 16, Saturday 9:00 AM, G/F New Building CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE Movingmentochrist

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Outstanding:

Setting an example for believers, even when we're young Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12) **Z00M:** for ages 7-12; 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

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LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

Be equipped with GLC! GLC LEVEL 1

Book 1: One by One, Session 1 ONSITE: October 27, Sunday 10:30 AM, Room 2A ZOOM: October 30, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Book 3: Holy Spirit, Session 1 ONSITE: October 27, Sunday 1:30 PM, Room 2A 200M: October 30, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

GLC LEVEL 2

Book 6: Basic Doctrines, Session 3 ONSITE: October 27, Sunday 1:00 PM, Room 3A 200M: October 31, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Power-Up: Leadership Training to Empower DGroup Leaders MONEY MATTERS SESSION 1: PURPOSEFUL PROFITABILITY with Glenn Yu, CEO of SEAOIL Philippines November 3, Sunday 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, 7/F Gym

True Life Retreat: Transforming Love November 22 to 23, Friday and Saturday 8:00 AM onwards, CCF Center

How to Start a Dgroup Workshop ONSITE: November 10, Sunday, 11:00 AM ZOOM: November 11, Monday, 7:30 PM

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who <u>keeps</u> <u>His covenant and His lovingkindness</u> to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13