



UNLIKELY HEROES – Pt. 11 - Josiah
Turning Our Hearts Back to God

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1. Generational curses can be _____.

2 Kings 22:1 (NLT), “Josiah was **eight years old when he became king**, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ... ²He did what was **pleasing in the LORD’s sight** and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right.”

2 Chronicles 34:3a (NLT), “During the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, **Josiah began to seek the God of his ancestor David.**”

Exodus 20:3-6 (NLT), “You must not have any other god but me. ⁴“You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. ⁵You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a **jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods**. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; **the entire family is affected – even children in the third and fourth generations** of those who reject me. But I **lavish unfailing love** for a **thousand generations** on those who **love me** and **obey** my commands.”

Ezekiel 18:19-22 (NLT), “What?’ you ask. ‘Doesn’t the child pay for the parent’s sins?’ No! For **if the child does what is just and right** and keeps my decrees, that child will surely live. ²⁰ The person who sins is the one who will die. **The child will not be punished for the parent’s sins, and the parent will not be punished for the child’s sins**. Righteous people will be rewarded for their own righteous behavior, and wicked people will be punished for their own wickedness. ²¹ But **if wicked people turn away from all their sins and begin to obey my decrees and do what is just and right, they will surely live and not die.** ²² All their past sins will be forgotten, and they will live because of the righteous things they have done.”

2. Revival begins at _____.

2 Corinthians 5:17, “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a **new person**. The old life is gone; a **new life has begun.**”

2 Kings 22:11 & 13 (NLT), “When the king heard what was written in the Book of the Law, **he tore his clothes in despair.** ¹³ Go to the Temple and speak to the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah. Inquire about the words written in this scroll that has been found. For the LORD’s great anger is burning against us because our ancestors have not obeyed the words in this scroll. **We have not been doing everything it says we must do.**”

3. Cleaning _____ is critical.

Matthew 16:24 (NLT), “Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If any of you wants to be my follower, you must **give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.**”

2 Chronicles 34:33 (NLT), “So Josiah **removed all detestable idols** from the entire land of Israel and **required everyone to worship the LORD their God**. And throughout the rest of his lifetime, they did not turn away from the LORD, the God of their ancestors.”

2 Kings 22:20 (NLT), “He **executed the priests of the pagan shrines on their own altars**, and he burned human bones on the altars to desecrate them. Finally, he returned to Jerusalem.”

4. Passionately _____ God.

2 Kings 23:21-23 (NLT), “²¹ King Josiah then issued this order to all the people: “**You must celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, as required in this Book of the Covenant.**” ²² There had not been a Passover celebration like that since the time when the judges ruled in Israel, nor throughout all the years of the kings of Israel and Judah. ²³ But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah’s reign, this Passover was celebrated to the LORD in Jerusalem.”

2 Kings 23:25 (NLT), “**Never before had there been a king like Josiah**, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. **And there has never been a king like him since.**”
