Making Faith My Own

Greg Kline · 2 Chronicles 24:1–22

INTRODUCTION

- In 2 Chronicles chapter 24, we have an important story that teaches us the need for direction in life.
- Joash is a special king. He has a special function in his story, his direction is important for us to take note.

1 Faithful All the Days of Jehoiada

2 Chronicles 24:1–2; 2 Kings 11:1–4

- Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest.
- It is critical, it is absolutely vital that we make faith our own.
- Are we faithful because someone else is? Are we faithful because it's convenient?
- That's a blessing. But it also can be a crutch that when it's kicked out from under us, we find that we might fall from.

2 Joash Never Truly Had a Faith of His Own

2 Chronicles 24:15–19

- But Jehoiada grew old and full of days and died.
- After the death of Jehoiada, the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them.
- How is it possible that Joash overnight lost his faith? The answer is he didn't.
- But what's clear is that Joash never truly had a faith of his own.

3 Is Your Faith Propped Up by Your Family?

Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 3; Matthew 7

- This is a faith crisis that we often hide what should be faithfulness under the guise of not rocking the boat.
- The question for both teenagers and adults alike is your faith propped up by your family?
- Do you believe in God so much so that if anyone had your ear and is trying to entice you to do wrong, you not only know what is right, but you do it too.
- You know who sees through that? God does.

4 Is My Faith in a Teacher or Local Congregation?

Revelation 2; Revelation 3; Galatians 1:6–9

- I've also seen those very people refuse to accept what the Bible says because what they were told by a man differs.
- Is my faith strong because I'm part of a strong church?

- Jesus knows who you are. Whether you're in a weak congregation and you're strong. Or you're weak or unfaithful in a strong congregation.
- My relationship has to be a straight line with God.

5 Do I Believe in a Prosperity God?

Job 1:20–22

- Do I believe in a God that's a God of my making, of my creation, that as long as my life is going good, things are good with me in God. That is not faith.
- Naked, I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.
- My relationship with God has 0% to do with my health, my wealth, or my family.
- In the judgment, we will stand by ourselves before God.

6 How Do I Make Faith My Own?

2 Timothy 4:10; 2 John 9; 2 Chronicles 24:20–22

- First of all, it's to remember faith isn't lost overnight.
- Demas has deserted me in love with the present world.
- Make your faith your own. Communicate with God.
- When we have the moment to realize our faith needs to be stronger and better, take the chance to repent.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have a relationship with God. Grow that relationship with God.**

MY NOTES