

Title: What we can learn from Joash

Text: 2Ki 12:1 *In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. 2Ki 12:2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.*

Intro: Trials are an opportunity to see where you are Spiritually.

Ill. Satan and God talking about Job. *Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. Job 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Job 1:9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Job 1:10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. Job 1:11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.*

Job 23:10 *But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*

Story of King Joash

Jehoiada saved joash and made him king. *2Ki 11:1 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. 2Ki 11:2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. 2Ki 11:3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land. 2Ki 11:4 And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.*

Joash did right as long as he was under Jehoiada. *2Ki 12:1 In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. 2Ki 12:2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.*

When Jehoiada died Joash turned from God. *2Ch 24:15 But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. 2Ch 24:16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house. 2Ch 24:17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. 2Ch 24:18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass. 2Ch 24:19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear. 2Ch 24:20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye*

cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. 2Ch 24:21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD. 2Ch 24:22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it.

I. Jehioada did not teach joash to have his own relationship with God.

- **God commands us to teach the next generation how to have their own relationship with God.** *Deu 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: Deu 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Deu 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. Deu 6:9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.*

III. Teaching kids in car, modeling a Godly life for the kids, Teaching Sunday School, praying with your family...

II. Joash did not seek his own relationship with God. *Rom 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

- **He was doing fine so he didn't see his need for God.** *Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*

III. Getting away from God while in Bible college. (Chapel, Bible classes, Mandatory ministry, mandatory church... I stopped sacrificing to have my personal relationship with God.)

III. Second generation Christians. It must become their own.

III. Joash changed as soon as his influences did. *2 Chron 24:17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. 2Ch 24:18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass*

III. Luke warm = conform to your environment. *Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

Conc:

What has this trial revealed to you?

What can you do to grow your personal walk with God?