

Rediscovering hidden foundations



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First a story : “We three kings...”

- ◆ Granddad – very bad
- ◆ Dad – even worse
- ◆ Son – ???



- ◆ The story of **Josiah** (648-609 BC)
 - 2 Kings 22:1 – 23:30
 - 2 Chronicles 34:1 – 35:27

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Josiah's projects

- ◆ Aged 20 : Removed idolatry



- ◆ Aged 26 : Restored Temple

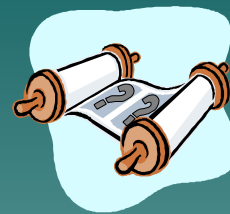


- ◆ Two-fold aim, both good

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Unexpected discovery

- ◆ What is this Book?
 - 2 Kings 22:8-10
 - 2 Chronicles 34:14-18



- ◆ **Good works without God's word**
- ◆ Josiah's response :
 - Fear and Faith
 - Change and Covenant

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How about us?

- ◆ Good projects underway
 - Tackling need, challenging evil
 - Establishing worship, restoring kingdom
- ◆ Where is the Book?
 - Lost or hidden in the Temple?
 - Or discovered, read and obeyed?

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Temple and Book



- ◆ The Book belongs in the Temple
 - **Used**, not lost or hidden
- ◆ Book?
 - Written word (*logos*) = **Bible**
 - Living word (*rhema*) = **Holy Spirit's inspiration**
- ◆ Temple?
 - “**You** (singular) are God's temple...”
 - ◆ 1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19-20
 - “**We** (collectively) are the temple of the living God...”
 - ◆ 2 Corinthians 6:16 & Ephesians 2:19-22

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Temple and Book



- ◆ You (singular) need to take the Book from its hiding place
- ◆ We (together) need to restore the Book and use it
- ◆ Why ?? (read Psalm 119 & 2 Tim 3:16-17)
 - ◆ Guidance
 - ◆ Doctrine
 - ◆ Discipline

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Date : Today
From :

Heaven

Dear David,

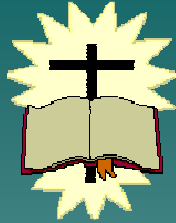
I've been thinking about you and wanted to write to say ...

**With special love,
Father God**



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Next steps for individuals



- ◆ Get a Bible
- ◆ Find time
- ◆ Regularly :



- *Pray*
- *Read*
- *Think*
- *Pray*
- *Talk*
- *Do*

Next steps for the church...???