

Repent.

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***God is looking for a MAN
who will set things RIGHT.***

2 Chronicles 34

¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ² He 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 is right. ³ During the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, Josiah began to seek the God of his ancestor David.

Q: What made Josiah different than everyone else?

Q: What made him usable by God?

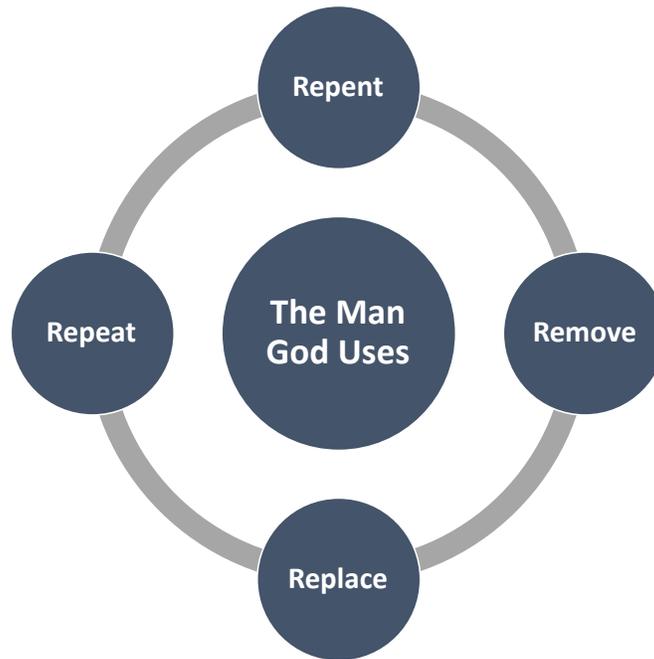
2 Kings 23

²⁵ 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.

*The greatest king who ever lived was
an 8 year-old BOY with a heart for GOD.*

Josiah did 3 things:

- He repented of his sin.
- He removed the idols.
- He replaced God at the center.



*REPENTANCE is the first step
to becoming the man God uses.*

We don't like to Repent:

- Because we're prideful.
- Because we're selfish.
- Because we think we're OK.

Jeremiah 4

³ This is what the Lord says to the people of Judah and Jerusalem: "Plow up the hard ground of your hearts! Do not waste your good seed among thorns. ⁴ O people of Judah and Jerusalem, surrender your pride and your power. *Change your hearts before the Lord*, or my anger will burn like an unquenchable fire because of all your sins. ⁵ "Shout to Judah, and broadcast to Jerusalem! Tell them both to sound the alarm throughout the land: 'Run for your lives! Flee to the fortified cities!' ⁶ Raise a signal flag as a warning for Jerusalem: 'Flee now! Do not delay!' For I am bringing terrible destruction upon you from the north."

Sin is telling God - NO.

Repentance is telling God - YES.

Jeremiah 3 *(Jeremiah was prophet during time of King Josiah)*

¹² This is what the Lord says, “O Israel, my faithless people, come home to me again, for I am merciful. I will not be angry with you forever. ¹³ Only acknowledge your guilt. Admit that you rebelled against the Lord your God and committed adultery against him by worshiping idols under every green tree. Confess that you refused to listen to my voice. I, the Lord, have spoken!”

¹⁴ “Return home, you wayward children,” says the Lord, “for I am your master. I will bring you back to the land of Israel . . . from wherever you are scattered. ¹⁵ And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding.”

²² “My wayward children,” says the Lord, “come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts.” “Yes, we’re coming,” the people reply, “for you are the Lord our God.”

Repentance is:

- Agreeing with God about your sin.
- Turning from your sin and back to God.
- An action not a feeling.

God’s Response:

- I will forgive you.
- I will take you back.
- I will guide you.
- I will heal you.

Questions.

Q: What do you think of when you hear the word “*repent*”?

Q: Have you ever thought of repenting as “*Good News*”?

Q: Which of these responses do you most need to hear from God right now?

_____ “*I forgive you.*”

_____ “*I will take you back.*”

_____ “*I will guide you.*”

_____ “*I will heal you.*”

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Prayer: God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Sometimes I avoid you because I’m ashamed or afraid of what you might say, but today I’m “*COMING HOME.*” I’m coming to you as a son who needs his father. A son who needs forgiveness, healing, and direction. I’m certainly not perfect, but I am repentant, and I’m ready for you to *change me* and *use me*. Amen.