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Reformer

I

A story about a grandfather, a father and a son.

THE GRANDFATHER

¹ Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. His mother was Hephzibah. ² He did what was evil in the Lord's sight, following the detestable practices of the pagan nations that the Lord had driven from the land ahead of the Israelites.

2 Kings 21:1-2 NLT

THE GRANDFATHER

⁴ He built pagan altars in the Temple of the Lord, the place where the Lord had said, “My name will remain in Jerusalem forever.” ⁵ He built these altars for all the powers of the heavens in both courtyards

2 Kings 21:4-6 NLT

THE GRANDFATHER

of the Lord's Temple. ⁶ Manasseh also sacrificed his own son in the fire. He practiced sorcery and divination, and he consulted with mediums and psychics. He did much that was evil in the Lord's sight, arousing his anger.

2 Kings 21:4-6 NLT

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⁹ But the people refused to listen, and Manasseh led them to do even more evil than the pagan nations that the Lord had destroyed when the people of Israel entered the land. ¹⁰ Then the Lord said through his servants the prophets:

2 Kings 21:9-11 NLT

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¹¹ “King Manasseh of Judah has done many detestable things. He is even more wicked than the Amorites, who lived in this land before Israel. He has caused the people of Judah to sin with his idols”.

2 Kings 21:9-11 NLT

THE GRANDFATHER

¹⁶ Manasseh also murdered many innocent people until Jerusalem was filled from one end to the other with innocent blood. This was in addition to the sin that he caused the people of Judah to commit, leading them to do evil in the Lord's sight.

2 Kings 21:16 NLT

THE FATHER

¹⁹ Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem two years.

2 Kings 21:19a

THE FATHER

²⁰ He did what was evil in the Lord's sight, just as his father, Manasseh, had done. ²¹ He followed the example of his father, worshiping the same idols his father had worshiped. ²² He abandoned the Lord, the God of his ancestors, and he refused to follow the Lord's ways.

2 Kings 20-22 NLT

THE FATHER

²³ Then Amon's own officials conspired against him and assassinated him in his palace. ²⁴ But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against King Amon, and they made his son Josiah the next king.

2 Kings 21:23-24 NLT

THE SON

¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years.

2 Chronicles 34:1 NLT



**What was the condition of Judah
when this 8-year-old became king?**

WHAT WAS THE CONDITION OF JUDAH
WHEN THIS 8-YEAR-OLD BECAME KING?

The nation was entrenched in
pagan idol worship.



WHAT WAS THE CONDITION OF JUDAH
WHEN THIS 8-YEAR-OLD BECAME KING?

They had defiled the temple.



WHAT WAS THE CONDITION OF JUDAH
WHEN THIS 8-YEAR-OLD BECAME KING?

There had just been an assassination at
the highest position of government.



WHAT WAS THE CONDITION OF JUDAH
WHEN THIS 8-YEAR-OLD BECAME KING?

The nation was in chaos.



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 was right.

2 Chronicles 34:2 NLT

³ During the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, Josiah began to seek the God of his ancestor David.

2 Chronicles 34:3a NLT

In the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and the metal images.

2 Chronicles 34:3b ESV

A dark, atmospheric forest scene with a stone fire pit in the foreground and a large white Roman numeral 'II' in the center. The background shows a dense forest of evergreen trees under a dark, overcast sky. The overall mood is mysterious and somber.

II

The parallels



**Our world today is very similar
to the world that King Josiah inherited
from his grandfather and father.**

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³ They will be unloving and

2 Timothy 3:1-5 NLT

unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. ⁵ They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

2 Timothy 3:1-5 NLT



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When Josiah is 16 he begins to seek God.



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When Josiah is 8 he begins to reign.

When Josiah is 16 he begins to seek God.

When Josiah is 20 he begins to purge.



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When Josiah is 8 he begins to reign.

When Josiah is 16 he begins to seek God.

When Josiah is 20 he begins to purge.

When Josiah is 26 the entire nation has been changed.



18 Never since the time of the prophet Samuel had there been such a Passover. None of the kings of Israel had ever kept a Passover as Josiah did, involving all the priests and Levites, all the people of Jerusalem, and people from all over Judah and Israel. 19 This Passover was celebrated in the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign.

2 Chronicles 35:18-19 NLT



If we will **learn** to lead ourselves, lead our families and lead our church after the life and leadership of King Josiah, I believe that we will see a **renewing** and **reviving** of our children, youth, marriages, families, church and community.