## **sermon**notes Unsung Heroes: Josiah

"God created me — and you — to live with a single, all-embracing, all-transforming passion — namely, a passion to glorify God by enjoying and displaying his supreme excellence in all spheres of life." (John Piper - Don't Waste Your Life)

"Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did — with all his heart and all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with the Law of Moses." (2 Kings 23:25)

## 2 Chronicles 34:1-7

King Josiah came to leadership in Judah during a time when the nation had \_\_\_\_\_\_ and turned to idol worship. The people of Judah had established idol worship in God's temple and opened the nation to the judgment of God. Passion will give you perseverance when the way is hard.
(2 Chronicles 34:3)

• A passionate person with limited talent will outperform a passive person who possess greater talent, because a passionate person will find a way to overcome the obstacles.

- 3. Passion will \_\_\_\_\_\_, opening the way for God's work. (2 Chronicles 34:3)
- Passion enables you to move forward with confidence when you don't have all the answers.

- 4. Passion will \_\_\_\_\_\_ you to make a difference.
- "Josiah removed all the detestable idols from all the territory belonging to the Israelites, and he had all who were present in Israel serve the Lord their God. As long as he lived, they did not fail to follow the Lord, the God of their fathers." (2 Chronicles 34:35)

**Answers:** rejected God; too young; perseverance; feed faith; empower

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## Passion for God will empower you

- 1. You are never \_\_\_\_\_\_ to be dynamically used of God. (2 Chronicles 34:1)
- It is not the age of the individual that determines the outcome, but the passion that dwells within the person.