## Road Trip (part #3) UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY UNFORGETTABLE PEOPLE

"Josiah: The Fixer"

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

#### Men-Love & Follow God Fully...Fix Things!

2 Kings 22-23 & 2 Chronicles 34-35

Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem two years. <sup>22</sup> He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, as his father Manasseh had done. Amon worshiped and offered sacrifices to all the idols Manasseh had made. <sup>23</sup> But unlike his father Manasseh, he did not humble himself before the LORD; Amon increased his guilt. <sup>24</sup> Amon's officials conspired against him and assassinated him in his palace. <sup>25</sup> Then the people of the land killed all who had plotted against King Amon, and they made Josiah his son king in his place.—2 Chronicles 33:21-25

## \*Grandparents Fix Things With Their <u>Disproportionate</u> Influence!

Josiah was 8 years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem 31 years. <sup>2</sup>He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left. <sup>3</sup>In the 8th year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David. In his 12th year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles and idols.

### \*Fixers Invest In Our Youth As We Recognize Our Young People Are Our NOW Not Just Our <u>Future</u>!

<sup>7</sup> "But they need not account for the money entrusted to them, because they are honest in their dealings."

\*Fixers Trust The Right <u>People</u>, Love The Right <u>God</u>, Do The Right <u>Thing!</u>

While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD that had been given through Moses. <sup>15</sup> Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan. <sup>16</sup> Then Shaphan took the book to the king and reported to him:... "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. <sup>19</sup> When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes.

#### \*Fixers Rediscover God's Word!

<sup>29</sup> Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>30</sup> He went up to the temple of the LORD with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD. <sup>31</sup> The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book. <sup>32</sup> Then he had everyone in Jerusalem and Benjamin pledge themselves to it; the people of Jerusalem did this in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their ancestors.

#### \*Fixers Lead Others Well!

<sup>7</sup> Josiah provided for all the lay people who were there a total of thirty thousand lambs and goats for the Passover offerings, and also three thousand cattle—all from the king's own possessions.

#### \*Fixers Are Generous!

<sup>20</sup>After all this, when Josiah had set the temple in order, Necho king of Egypt went up to fight at Carchemish on the Euphrates, and Josiah marched out to meet him in battle. <sup>21</sup>But Necho sent messengers to him, saying, "What quarrel is there, king of Judah, between you and me? It is not you I am attacking at this time, but the house with which I am at war. God has told me to hurry; so stop opposing God, who is with me, or he will destroy you." <sup>22</sup>Josiah, however, would not turn away from him, but disguised himself to engage him in battle. He would not listen to what Necho had said at God's command but went to fight him on the plain of Megiddo.

#### \*Fixers <u>Don't</u> Always Get It Right! Loving God, Honoring God, Fully Following God Is Not Primarily Restrictive...It Is Fully Life-Giving!

# JOIN US TODAY UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, June 18th, 2017

Opening IN THE RIVER

Welcome TRUST IN YOU GOOD GOOD FATHER

Prayer

Offering
I AM NOT ALONE

Message "THE FIXER"

Pastor Dean Ward



#### **PART 3** OF OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES





Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly		Attendance
May 21st	\$ 9,106.07	799
May 28th	\$ 5,120.57	248
June 4th	\$ 6,591.53	250
June 8th & 11th	\$6,670.00	268

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday June 18	Father's Day Photos Services 9:30am & 11:15am Whitehall Junior High Camp Begins	Sunday June 25	Graduation Sunday Services 9:30am & 11:15am Whitehall 3-5th Grade Camp Begins
Wednesday June 21	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm	Wednesday June 28	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm

JUNE 11-29

WHITEHALL YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

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**JULY 17-21** 

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Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service.

After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.