



**LORD, USE ME**  
**“A Person God Will Use”**  
*2 Chronicles 34-35*  
May 5, 2013 A.M. Service

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- ✓ We Respond TODAY!!

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God is longing to do a fresh work in our land, our world, nation, state, and our community, but in order for that to happen we must be willing. We must be willing to be the church that He wants us to become and for that to happen we as individuals must be the kind of people that He can use. Great question this morning: Do you want God to Use You! To make an eternal difference, to make an impact for the Gospel, to have an influence, to live in such a way that He uses you to bring about change in your school, your neighborhood, your workplace, your home, your family? Would we be willing say without hesitation: like Josiah, Lord Use Me! That is the cry of my heart this morning – God would you use me? Would you use these people? Would you use our Church to bring about revival in this place? Oh Lord help us I pray that you will help those of us who are not yet willing and that by the end of this message we would be willing – to do whatever it takes.

### **His Resume** (Legacy)

ILLUS: Resume – learn how to write them, refine them, make ourselves look our best hopefully without inflating the truth – say just the right words. Can we talk this morning though about the resume of your life? What is on it now? How would it read? What will yours read at the end of your life? What do need you to change in your life so that your resume can read like that of Josiah? What he did wasn't that complicated, wasn't some rocket science thing. No, he was simply willing. And that is what the Lord is looking for today is a willing heart willing to build their lives (their resumes') on Jesus Christ and no other!

**He Refused to Give In** to be held back by his limitations or excuses

**His Family** - They were this way so I will be too – his father did evil and his grandfather was so evil that it was the final straw – he did repent but only after he had done more evil seemingly than any other king  
my father was assassinated

**His Culture** – My culture is messed up and I can do nothing to change it –

everyone around him it seemed was going the wrong way, worshiping the wrong god, living for themselves.

**His Age** – I am too young, no one will listen to me, I am a teenager, can a really make that much of a difference – and the answer is YES!!

**Other Excuses** – Not Enough Time, Not Enough Money, Not in a the right Position, etc.

### **He Responded to the Lord**      34:1-3

He started seeking the Lord. He didn't wait until he got older, or when he got through doing what he wanted to do, or having the faith of his parents, or of others, but no he sought the Lord for Himself! Students are you doing that? Parents, are you helping them do that?

Listen carefully to me students, and young adults – listen. The two greatest kings out of this time period after David and Solomon were all young, Hezekiah and perhaps Jehoshaphat. Many times when God chooses to move in mighty ways, he uses the young. He takes your passion, your fire, your zeal, your willingness to change, your abilities, your energy to do mighty things for the Lord. Look at David and Daniel and the 3 boys in the fiery furnace, Jeremiah, even Mary)

Now older folks – (this is me) listen up as well – remember that there had to be some people who guided Josiah in the right way – Your guidance and wisdom is needed and necessary – don't step out of the picture, don't quit, don't retire, stay involved and serving until you physically can't!

### **He Removed the Sin**      34:3b-7

Notice the detail given here in how he removed the idols which represent today our sin. He removed them, purged, tore down, chopped down, broke in pieces, smashed them, ground to powder, (2 Kings provides even greater detail) got rid of the false priests even had some of them killed , broke down houses, defiled the evil places.

What false gods in your life do you need to tear down? Where do you need to expose false gods in other people's lives?

### **He Restored Worship** in the Temple 34:8-13

Worship of the Lord should be our passion – it's God passion. He desires our worship both privately as we live our daily lives but also and just as important our corporate worship with him.

(Offerings restored – cleaned up the temple, got rid of things that didn't need to be there) Also each person did the work they were called to do – equipped to do. Everyone has a role to play – what is yours?

### **He Read the Word of the Lord 34:14-18**

It had been so neglected, not been read that it had gotten lost! Oh how true of our nation and even too many Christians today! Look at his response! We believe this was the book of Deuteronomy.

### **He Repented for his sin and the nations 34:19-21**

He tore his clothes – he repented for that sin, he was ashamed, devastated at what he heard and what it meant for himself and his people!

Oh how we need to do that right now – Gay Marriage passed in another state, buy morning after pill for 15 year olds over the counter, bombings, even in our military – listening to those who say they should not be allowed to actively share their faith.

### **He Requested the Lord's Answer 34:22-26**

He didn't seek man's answer – for man's answer would have been, well, make the most of it and go ahead and live it up for today is the only day that you have – live it for yourself! That is what most of the other kings had done. Do whatever everyone else is doing

### **He Rallied the People 34: 29-30**

He calls them – who are you calling? Who is coming with you? Who are you connecting with? Don't rely on the preacher do it all, or someone else! Who are you rallying?

### **He Reignited the People - led by example 34:31-32**

He renewed the covenant and he did it first – he was the right kind of leader. He didn't expect his people to do something he wasn't willing to first do himself! I want to be that kind of leader!

### **He Returned the Hearts of the People 34:33**

I would love to have this on my tombstone or that it would be on that of my children!

### **He Reinstated the Passover 35**

They remembered back to where God had brought them from and what He

had given to them – freedom! Celebrated it like it had never been done before since the time of the judges!

**HE Responds** Response of the Lord – Revival will come [34:27-28,33](#)

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Closing Scripture of [Isaiah 6:1-8](#)