



DARK HORSES

Unsung Heroes of the  
Bible

King Josiah- 2 Chronicles 34

# Josiah

- **was 8 years old when he became king**
  - **due to the murder of his father**
  - **King of Judah - the kingdom of Israel had been taken captive**
- **began to seek God at the age of 16 (v3)**
- **at 20 he began a “cleansing project” to remove all idol worship**

# Josiah

- **Josiah goes into the northern kingdom to continue purging the land**
  - **he had no resistance since the majority of the people had been carried away**
  - **he wanted to restore God's worship in all the land of Israel**
- **at 26 (v8) he began a project to repair the temple**
  - **Each person was put to work according to his trade**

# **Josiah's Counsel**

- **As a young leader it was vital for Josiah to surround himself with godly counsel**
  - **His father and grandfather were influenced by evil men**
- **Hilkiah - high priest**
- **Jeremiah (Hilkiah's son) - prophet**
- **Shaphan - royal scribe**
- **Huldah - prophetess**

# **Josiah's Reformation**

- **Someone had a godly influence on Josiah when he was just a child**
- **Not only did he seek God and begin to purge the land of idolatry but he also brought back the celebration of Passover - 2 Chronicles 35**
  - **It began with a rediscovering of God's word**
  - **It took personal cost**
  - **July 9, 1776**

# **Make It Personal**

- **Like Josiah we live in time of great ungodliness**
  - **We are called to be a light and guide others to righteousness**
- **We can find our way by “digging in” to God’s word**
  - **Like Josiah’s people our society doesn’t know the truth of the Gospel**

# **Make It Personal**

- **If you are obedient God will bless your efforts**
  - **God doesn't measure success in wins vs losses**
- **Knowledge - Response - Action**