

Encounter these verses today:
circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...



2 Chronicles 34:1-8; 14-21 :: The Lost Law

1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. 2 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.

3 In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David. In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles and idols. 4 Under his direction the altars of the Baals were torn down; he cut to pieces the incense altars that were above them, and smashed the Asherah poles and the idols. These he broke to pieces and scattered over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 5 He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and so he purged Judah and Jerusalem. 6 In the towns of Manasseh, Ephraim and Simeon, as far as Naphtali, and in the ruins around them, 7 he tore down the altars and the Asherah poles and crushed the idols to powder and cut to pieces all the incense altars throughout Israel. Then he went back to Jerusalem.

8 In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, to purify the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the ruler of the city, with Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the temple of the LORD his God.

14 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. 15 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.

16 Then Shaphan took the book to the king and reported to him: "Your officials are doing everything that has been committed to them. 17 They have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the supervisors and workers." 18 Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

19 When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. 20 He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: 21 "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that is poured out on us because those who have gone before us have not kept the word of the LORD; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."

A photograph of Pastor Terry Bate, a Black man with short hair, wearing a light-colored shirt. He is standing with his arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. To his left is the Flushing Community Church logo. Below the photo is the date "January 08, 2012" and "Pastor Terry Bate".

January 08, 2012 | Pastor Terry Bate

*"I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands."
Psalm 119:10*

How many copies of the Bible do you have in your home?

Can you imagine seeking after the Lord without the Word of God to help you?

How did Josiah respond to the discovery of God's Law?

How can you make God's Word more a part of your life in 2012?



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Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 01.09.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: Deuteronomy 8:1-5

Insight: *The Book of Law that was found in the Temple in Josiah's time was likely the Book of Deuteronomy. In our reading today, the words "be careful to follow every command" must have startled the young king. He responded with humility and a passion to make God's Law revered once again. He read these words and recognized his kingdom was really God's Kingdom and God's ways would be his ways.*

Questions for consideration:

Can you see how God has provided for you?

Do you see the blessings that have been given to you?

Tuesday: 01.10.2012

Prayer Focus: FCC Church Leadership

Passage: 2 Samuel 22:26-37

Insight: *As David's life is coming to an end, he is filled with praise for all that the Lord has done in his life. The verses we read today reveal how he felt about the Word of God and direction and provision that only God provides. It reads like a Psalm hidden in the context of regular life. This great king of Israel was nothing without the Word of God in his life.*

Questions for consideration:

Can you imagine coming to the end of your life and looking back to see God's Word and his laws with this kind of love?

Do you value the Word of God like David did? How do you know?

Wednesday: 01.11.2012

Prayer Focus: Upward Basketball & Cheer

Passage: Psalm 119:9-16; 97-105

Insight: *This Psalm is chopped in many parts. The sections we read today are filled with wonderful words about the Word of God being hidden within us and rejoicing in it. The Word lights our path and helps us know which way to go in life. The Word also is a snare for the wicked and reveals sin to the world.*

Questions for consideration:

Do you treasure the Word of God like you ought?

Do you look forward to reading it? Studying it? Learning from it?

Thursday: 01.12.2012

Prayer Focus: May God Reveal His Light to You

Passage: Matthew 4:1-11

Insight: *Jesus begins his ministry with a 40 day fast and a visit from the one who wants to bring him down. Satan attempts to use the Word of God to trick Jesus. This tells us several things: first, Satan knows the scripture; second, he wants to trick us into believing we are doing good; third, Jesus knew the Word better and spoke Truth to Satan very clearly.*

Questions for consideration:

Could you face this trial like Jesus did?

How do you know and understand God's word in a way that will help you stand against such trials?

Friday: 01.13.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services (1/15/12)

Passage: James 1:19-27

Insight: *James gives us the secret to getting rid of the sin in our lives ... don't just read and listen to the Word of God ... actually do what it says. The Bible calls us to living life in radical ways - scary ways at times. We can be merely amused by its words, we have to apply them to our daily life.*

Questions for consideration:

How would you rate your application of God's Word?

What could help you improve on that rating?



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