

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## Lessons from King Joash

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### I. Background of King Joash

- A. 2 Chron 22:8-9 - Ahaziah (Jehoshaphat's grandson) killed by Jehu
- B. Athaliah (Ahab's daughter) becomes the ruling force in Judah
- C. 2 Chron 22:11-12 - Joash spared by his aunt Jehosheba

### II. Starting Over from Scratch

#### A. Cleaning House - Starting Over

- 1. 2 Chron 23:1 - Strengthen yourself
- 2. 2 Chron 23:3 - Determine to follow God's direction
- 3. 2 Chron 23:4a - Have a plan of action
- 4. 2 Chron 23:16 - Make a covenant - commit to it (good/bad)
- 5. 2 Chron 23:17 - Destroy evil
- 6. 2 Chron 23:18 - Restore spiritual order

- B. Lesson: What a change in the nation this day - Years of evil guidance - changed in a day.

### III. Building Your Spiritual Direction

- A. 2 Chron 24:4 - First order of business - restore the temple

#### B. How to Keep It Going:

- 1. 2 Chron 24:8-10 - Surround yourself with supporters
- 2. 2 Chron 24:13 - Keep into God's Ways
- 3. 2 Chron 24:14 - Keep connected to God

- C. Lesson: If we want to be stronger in the future then we have got to decide today to keep it going!

### IV. Losing Track of What Is Right

- A. 2 Chron 24:15-16 - Jehoiada dies - beautiful life

#### B. Losing Track of What Is Right

- 1. 2 Chron 24:17 - Listening to selfish desires - What "I" want!
- 2. 2 Chron 24:18 - Abandoning God
- 3. 2 Chron 24:19 - Closing our ears to the truth
- 4. 2 Chron 24:20-22 - Hardening our hearts - We can fall far!!!

- C. Lesson: Are we drifting right now? Bible seldom read; not listening to God's direction; finding excuses to do OUR thing. We have got to stop this flow!