

Setting Our Hearts to Seek the Lord in 2023

2 Chronicles 34

Sunday, January 1, 2023

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On this first day of 2023 . . .

- Make/renew your covenant commitment to _____ and _____ Jesus.
 - Make/renew your covenant commitment to live for the _____ - _____ of Jesus to help others find and follow Him.
 - Make/renew your covenant commitment to a _____ - _____ marked by humble, sacrificial love.
 - Make/renew your covenant commitment to a _____ - _____, leading your family/household in the word and ways of the Lord.
 - Make/renew your covenant commitment to this _____, loving and serving others in the body of Christ.
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NEXT STEPS:

Take 30 - 60 minutes of quiet, personal time TODAY to build on today's message and make/renew your covenant commitments to the Lord. Bullet point specific details of what your commitment in each area will practically involve.

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus and Engaging Lost People | John 4*

On this New Year's Sunday we consider a challenge from the life of the boy-king Josiah in 2 Chronicles 34 as we set our hearts to seek the Lord in 2023.

1. **We are never too _____ to seek the Lord and it's never too _____.**
2. **Our relationship with God should dynamically _____ and _____ across our years.**
3. **God is opposed to the _____ but gives grace to those who _____ themselves before God in response to His Word.**
4. **God is pleased when we make and renew _____ to live for Him with others.**

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

What is your approach to goals, commitments or resolutions around a new year?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read 2 Chronicles 34 together. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? What grabbed you in the text? What were your takeaways?
2. Notice the time markers in 2 Chronicles 34. What happens at different times in Josiah's rule and what can it teach us?
3. Why does Josiah repent? What prompts him to repentance? Is his repentance just personal or is it also corporate?

4. How has your relationship with God been static or dynamic over time? How is it different now than it was a year ago or ten years ago? If it's been static, what will you do in 2023 to change that?

5. What is a covenant? What covenant does Josiah make? Who else is involved?

6. Do you believe that covenant commitments can shape our lives and character? How does this work? Flesh out and share how you will make or renew one of the Covenant Commitments we discussed in the message. What will that commitment practically look like in your life in 2023?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Use 2 Chronicles 34 as a springboard for your prayers together as you make/renew your covenant commitments to the Lord in 2023.
- Share needs and pray for one another.