



Josiah: HUMBLE

2 Chronicles 34:14-28

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Warming Up

1. What is a “humblebrag”? Have you ever been guilty of this? Take a few minutes and make a list of some funny examples.

Digging In

2. How would you define the word “humility”? What are the key ingredients?
3. *I humble myself when I . . . have a tender heart.*
 - What evidence can you find in 2 Chronicles 34:1-20 that points to Josiah’s tender heart? How important is this to the Lord according to 2 Chronicles 16:9? Why?
 - Pastor Roger offered several suggestions for how we can get a tender heart. Look up these passages and discuss:
 - (a) *Get a new heart* (Psalm 51:10, 17; 2 Corinthians 4:6). Why is this needed? How does it happen? What are some indicators of a new heart?
 - (b) *Don’t harden your heart* (Hebrews 3:7-15; Psalm 95:10). What are a few things that can harden our heart? How does God respond? Why?
 - (c) *Soften your heart* (Proverbs 4:23; 1 Peter 5:6). List the corresponding activities that can soften our heart. Can you think of others? How is your heart these days?
4. *I humble myself when I have a tender heart . . . that submits to God’s Word.*
 - What are the different responses—both positive and negative—that we can have to God’s Word? Why is submitting to Scripture so often difficult for us? What does Hebrews 4:12-13 say about God’s Word that supports the idea of submitting to it?
 - Pastor Roger gave four practical tips for responding to the Bible appropriately: read it; record it; relate it; and reap it. What are these about? Which one(s) should you implement right now?
5. *I humble myself when I have a tender heart that submits to God’s Word . . . and fulfills God’s purpose.*
 - Read 1 Kings 13:1-3 and then 2 Kings 23:15-18. How does Josiah (probably unknowingly) fulfill God’s purpose? According to Romans 12:2, what is the relationship between submitting to God’s Word and fulfilling his will?

Breaking Out

6. Pastor Roger said, “The biggest thing preventing me from experiencing God’s presence in my life . . . is the response of my heart.” Is your heart marked by stubborn resistance or willing submission? What do you need to do today to change?