

# Lessons learnt *from* King Joash





LESSONS FROM KING ASA

## Stay on Fire

**SEEK** the Lord first

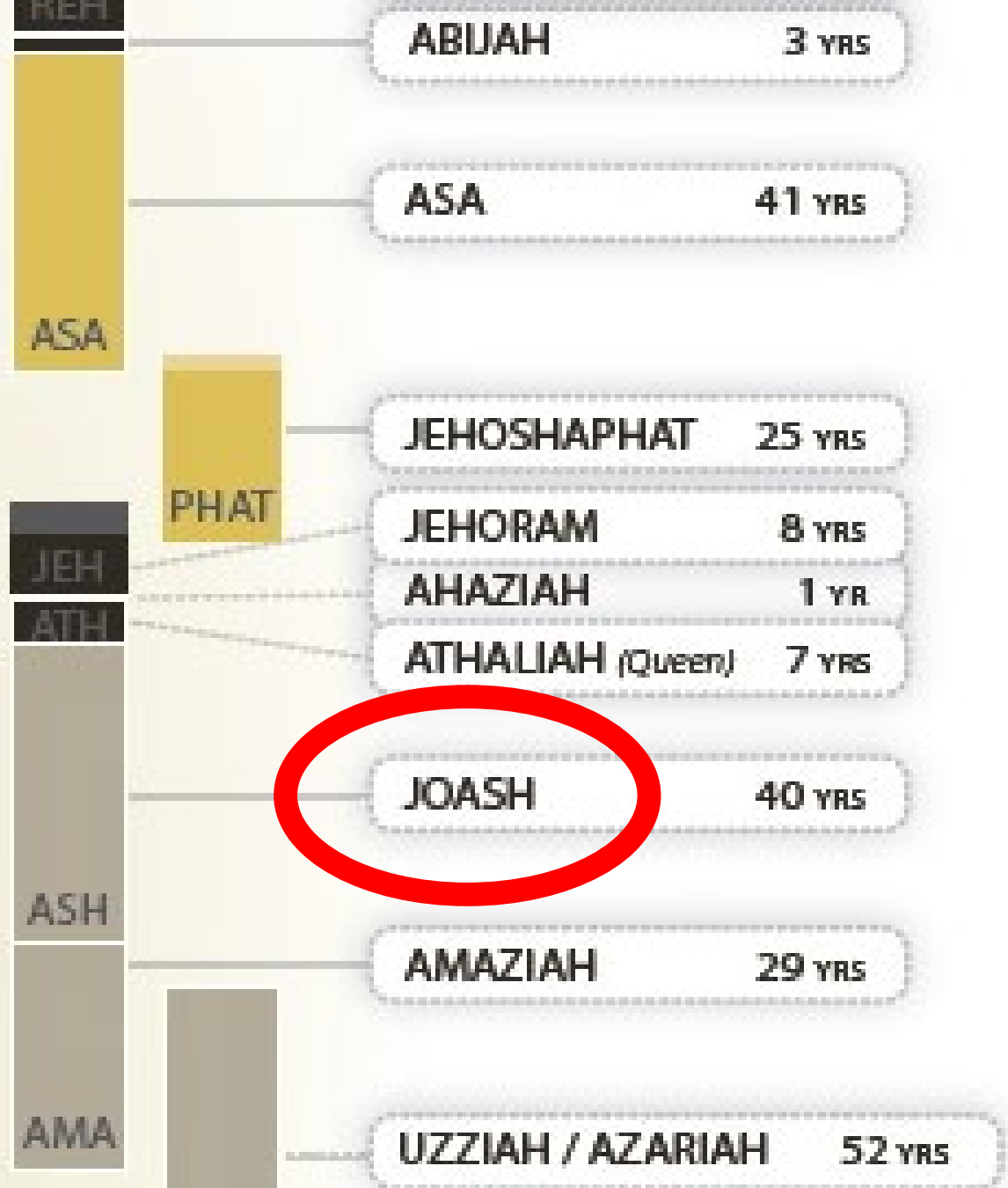
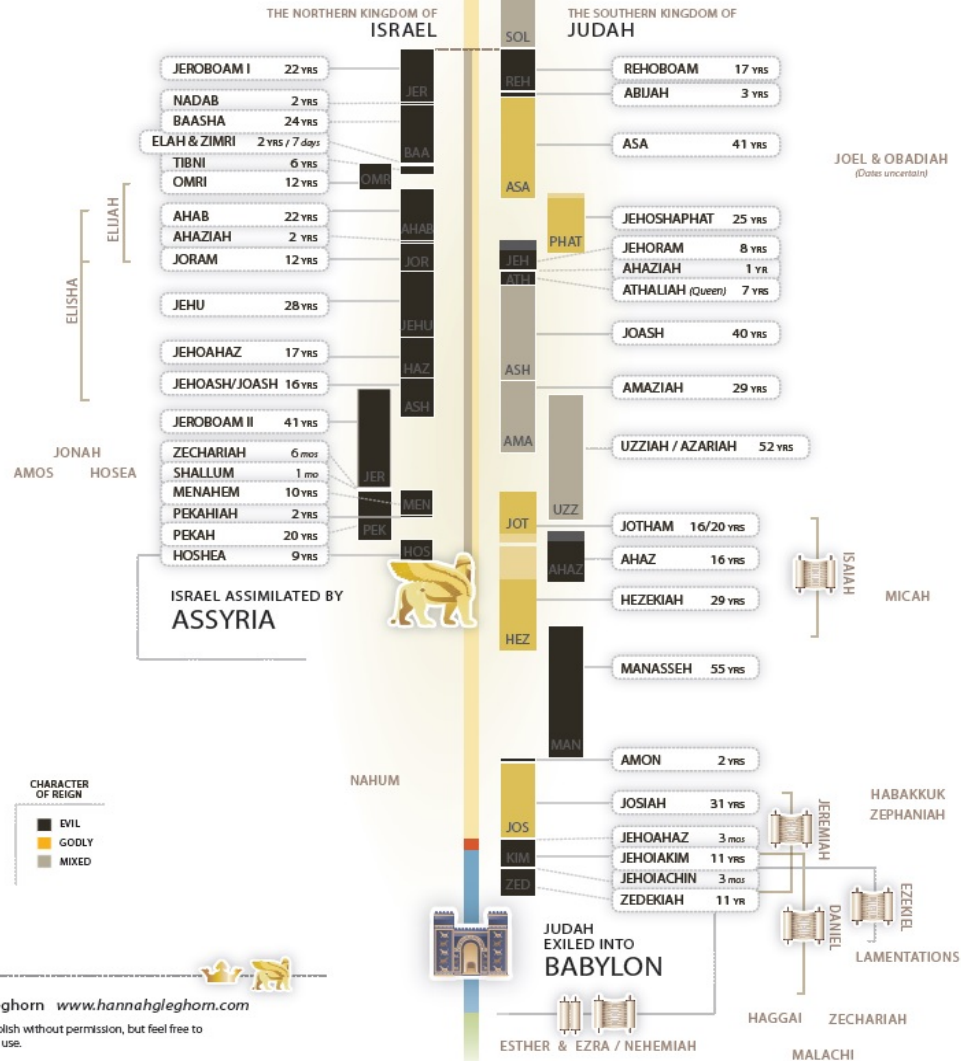
**OBEY** in deed

**FINISH** well

# LESSONS FROM KING JEHOSEPHAT

1. Equip others with God's Word
2. Engage challenges with God's Help
3. Exemplify pursuit after God's Heart

# THE KINGS & PROPHETS



**1 King**

**2 Lessons**

**3 Keys in Partnering with God**





## 2 Chronicles 24:1-25 (ESV)

**1** Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. **2** And Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. **3** Jehoiada got for him two wives, and he had sons and daughters. **4** After this Joash decided to restore the house of the LORD. **5** And he gathered the priests and the Levites and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you act quickly." But the Levites did not act quickly.



## 2 Chronicles 24:1-25 (ESV)

**6** So the king summoned Jehoiada the chief and said to him, “Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and Jerusalem the tax levied by Moses, the servant of the LORD, and the congregation of Israel for the tent of testimony?” **7** For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken into the house of God, and had also used all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD for the Baals. **8** So the king commanded, and they made a chest and set it outside the gate of the house of the LORD. **9** And proclamation was made throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring in for the LORD the tax that Moses the servant of God laid on Israel in the wilderness.

## 2 Chronicles 24:1-25 (ESV)

**10** And all the princes and all the people rejoiced and brought their tax and dropped it into the chest until they had finished. **11** And whenever the chest was brought to the king's officers by the Levites, when they saw that there was much money in it, the king's secretary and the officer of the chief priest would come and empty the chest and take it and return it to its place. Thus they did day after day, and collected money in abundance. **12** And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who had charge of the work of the house of the LORD, and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the LORD, and also workers in iron and bronze to repair the house of the LORD.



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**13** So those who were engaged in the work labored, and the repairing went forward in their hands, and they restored the house of God to its proper condition and strengthened it. **14** And when they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, and with it were made utensils for the house of the LORD, both for the service and for the burnt offerings, and dishes for incense and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD regularly all the days of Jehoiada. **15** But Jehoiada grew old and full of days, and died. He was 130 years old at his death.



## 2 Chronicles 24:1-25 (ESV)

**16** And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house. **17** Now after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah came and paid homage to the king. Then the king listened to them. **18** And they abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. **19** Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention.



## 2 Chronicles 24:1-25 (ESV)

**20** Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said to them, “Thus says God, ‘Why do you break the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.’” **21** But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD. **22** Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. And when he was dying, he said, “May the LORD see and avenge!”



## 2 Chronicles 24:1-25 (ESV)

**23** At the end of the year the army of the Syrians came up against Joash. They came to Judah and Jerusalem and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus. **24** Though the army of the Syrians had come with few men, the LORD delivered into their hand a very great army, because Judah had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers. Thus they executed judgment on Joash.



## **2 Chronicles 24:1-25** (ESV)

**25** When they had departed from him, leaving him severely wounded, his servants conspired against him because of the blood of the son of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed. So he died, and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.





## Differences of Chronicles over Kings

1. Written at different time for different audience
2. Focus on David and Solomon
3. Focus on Judah
4. Focus on Restoration

Author of Chronicles seeks to inspire a return to proper worship and reverence for Yahweh, the God of Israel

# 1 King

## 2 Lessons

### 3 Keys in Partnering with God



## 2 Kings 9:6-8 (NIV)

**6** Jehu got up and went into the house. Then the prophet poured the oil on Jehu's head and declared, "**This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anoint you king over the Lord's people Israel. 7 You are to destroy the house of Ahab your master,** and I will avenge the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all the Lord's servants shed by Jezebel. **8** The whole house of Ahab will perish. I will cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free.



## **2 Kings 9:24-28 (NIV)**

**24** Then Jehu drew his bow and shot Joram between the shoulders. The arrow pierced his heart and he slumped down in his chariot.

**25** Jehu said to Bidkar, his chariot officer, "Pick him up and throw him on the field that belonged to Naboth the Jezreelite. Remember how you and I were riding together in chariots behind Ahab his father when the Lord spoke this prophecy against him: **26** 'Yesterday I saw the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons, declares the Lord, and I will surely make you pay for it on this plot of ground, declares the Lord.' Now then, pick him up and throw him on that plot, in accordance with the word of the Lord."



## 2 Kings 9:24-28 (NIV)

**27** When Ahaziah king of Judah saw what had happened, he fled up the road to Beth Haggan. Jehu chased him, shouting, “Kill him too!” **They wounded him in his chariot on the way up to Gur near Ibleam, but he escaped to Megiddo and died there.** **28** His servants took him by chariot to Jerusalem and buried him with his ancestors in his tomb in the City of David.





**Jehosheba** saved the day, **Joash** slipped through the rampage.

### **2 Kings 11:2-3**

**2** But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed. **3** He remained hidden with his nurse at the temple of the LORD for six years while Athaliah ruled the land.



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# 1. The Certainty of God's Promise.

The LORD All-Powerful has made this promise:  
Everything I have planned will happen just as I said.

**Isaiah 14:24** (Contemporary English Version)

**A prophecy that David's sons  
ruling the kingdom**





## God's Promise to David:

**The LORD declares to you that the LORD Himself will establish a house for you:** **12** When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

**2 Samuel 7:12-16**



## God's Promise to David:

**14** I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.

**15** But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

**16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever. 2 Samuel 7:12-16**





## 2. **The Restraining of God's Power.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. **Psalm 147:5**

**God limits Himself to need you.  
The question is whether  
you want to join Him.**

**4** In the seventh year Jehoiada sent for the commanders of units of a hundred, the Carites and the guards and had them brought to him at the temple of the LORD. He made a covenant with them and put them under oath at the temple of the LORD. Then he showed them the king's son.

**5** He commanded them, saying, "This is what you are to do: You who are in the three companies that are going on duty on the Sabbath—a third of you guarding the royal palace, **6** a third at the Sur Gate, and a third at the gate behind the guard, who take turns guarding the temple— **7** and you who are in the other two companies that normally go off Sabbath duty are all to guard the temple for the king. **8** Station yourselves around the king, each of you with weapon in hand. Anyone who approaches your ranks is to be put to death. Stay close to the king wherever he goes." **2 Kings 11:4-8**



**12** Then he brought out the king's son and put the crown on him and gave him the **testimony**. And they proclaimed him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said,  
“Long live the king!”  
**2 Kings 11:12 (ESV)**

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**3 Keys** to remember:

**A.** Love Our God wholeheartedly

I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.”

**Isaiah 46:9**

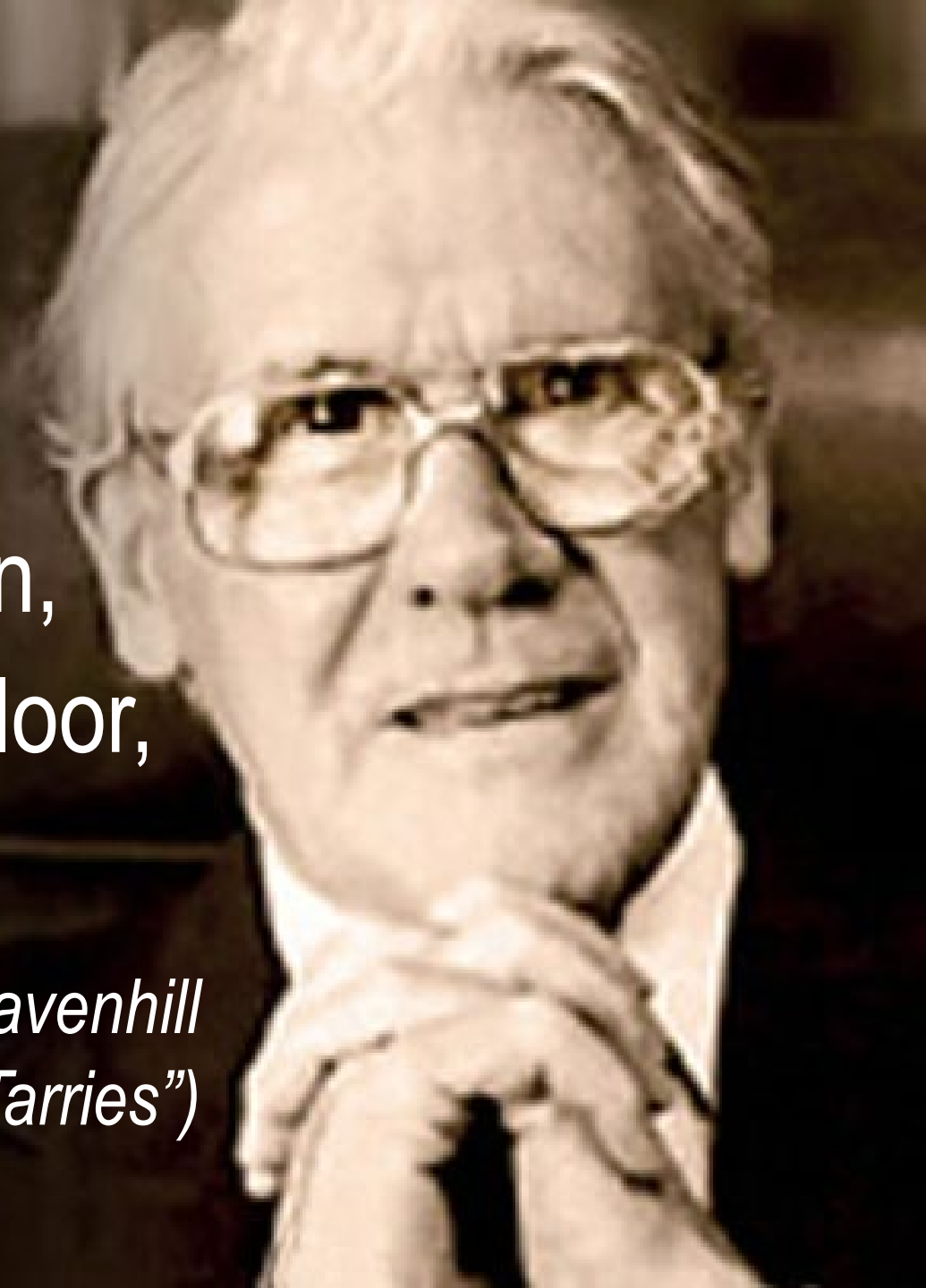
**2 Kings 12:2-3 (ESV)**

**2** And Jehoash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all his days, because Jehoiada the priest instructed him. **3** Nevertheless, the high places were not taken away; the people continued to sacrifice and make offerings on the high places.



“Smart men walked on the moon,  
daring men walked on the ocean floor,  
but wise men walk with God”

*Leonard Ravenhill*  
(evangelist and author “*Why Revival Tarries*”)



**3 Keys** to remember:

**B.** Follow His Word faithfully

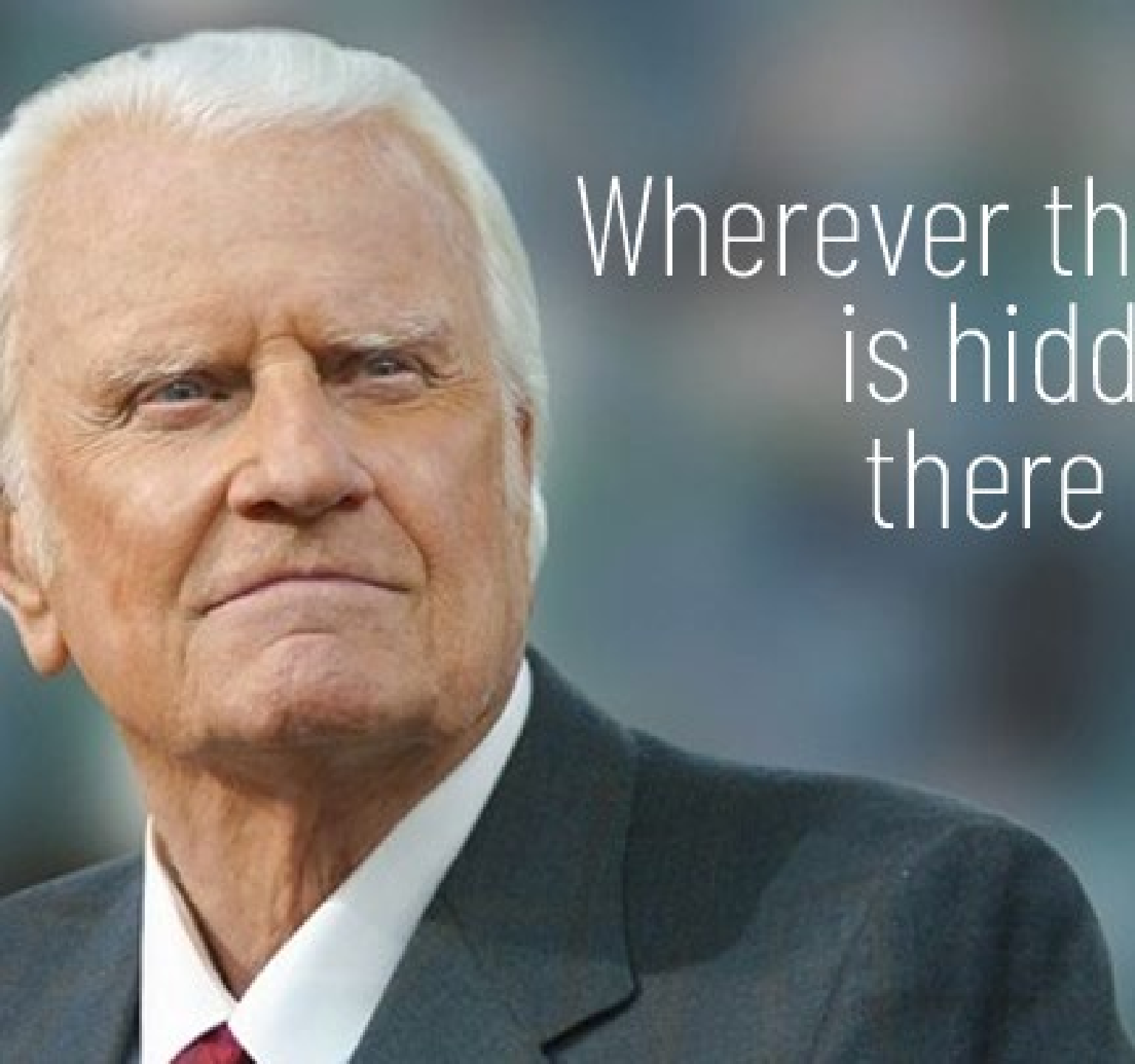
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Wherever the Word of God  
is hidden or ignored,  
there will be certain  
destruction.

Billy Graham

**3 Keys** to remember:

C. Choose Your Company wisely

- The involvement in body-life.
- Surround ourselves with a group of God-fearing people whom you give permission to speak into your life.
- The interdependent of the trusted community, the body-life is very important.



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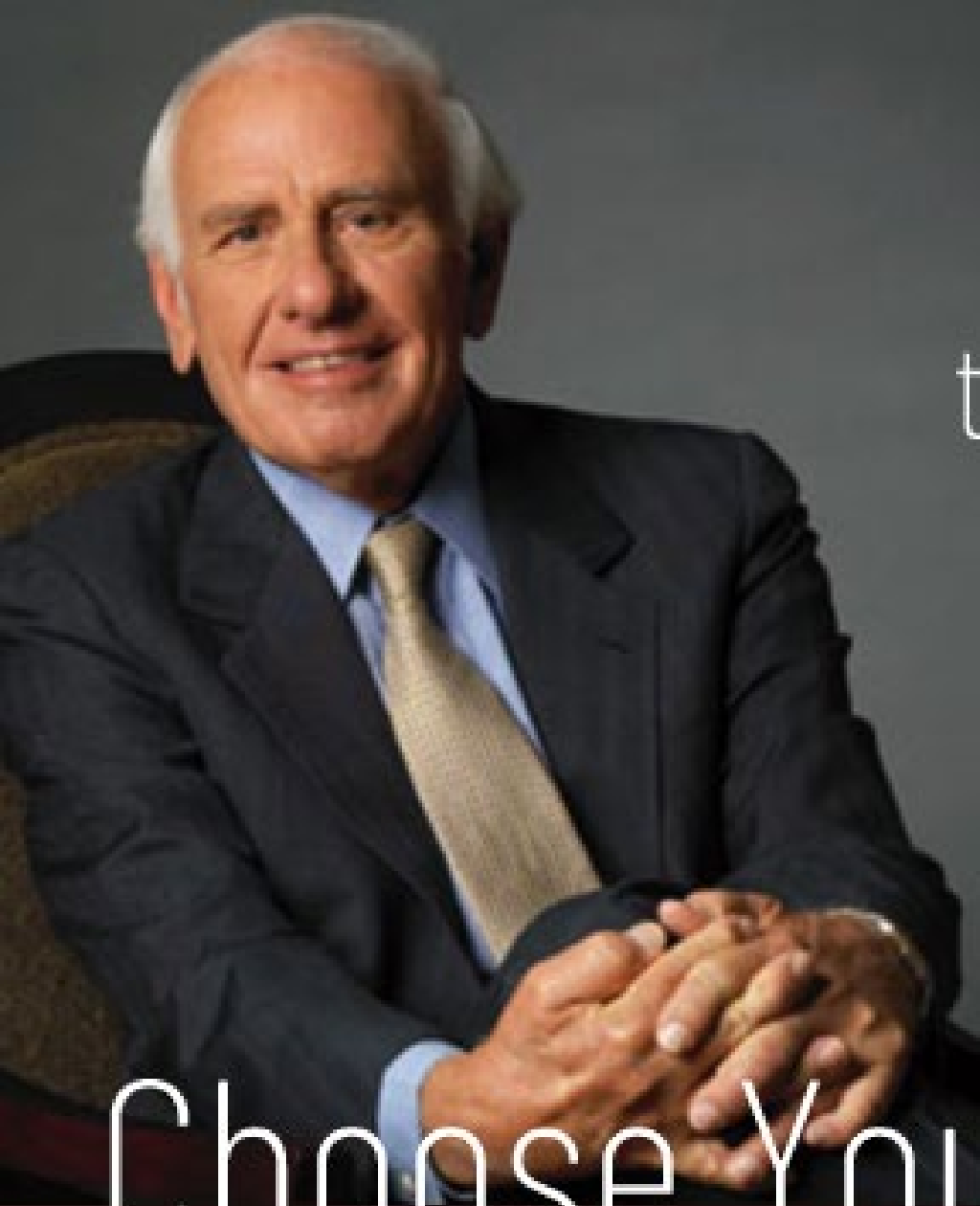
Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

**1 Corinthians 15:33**

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. **Proverbs 13:20**







"You are the average of  
the **five people** you spend  
the most time with."

*Jim Rohn (1930-2009)  
- an American Entrepreneur, Author  
and Motivational Speaker*

Choose Your Friends Wisely!

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**2 Lessons** • *The Certainty of God's Promise*  
• *The Restraining of God's Power*

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