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## re:FORMING #7: God's Word Forms and Reforms"

November 25 & 26, 2023

2 Kings 22:15-20

### Opener:

During the reign of the kings the Book of the Law had been lost; hidden from God's people for generations. When it was found, King Josiah led the people of Judah in a profound spiritual renewal. Share a time when God's Word impacted your life.

### Go Deeper:

1. Read 2 Kings 22:1-3. King Josiah was 8 years old when he became king. Is there another Biblical king who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord? What, if any, similarities do the two kings share?
  2. The Book of the Law was found in the temple during renovations. Josiah's advisor Shaphan brought the book to King Josiah and read it to him. Upon hearing God's Word King Josiah tore his robes in distress. Have you ever experienced a time when hearing God's Word affected your life in a similar way?
  3. Read 2 Kings 23:1-3. King Josiah gathered the people together and read the Book of the Covenant (also the Book of the Law) to them. What reaction did the people have upon hearing God's Word?
  4. Read 2 Kings 23:21-23. After King Josiah physically cleansed the land of false gods, he gathered the people together a second time. What feast did King Josiah order the people to celebrate? What was the significance in celebrating this feast?
  5. Read Exodus 12. In verses 13, what was the significance of the blood being on the houses? What commandment did God give the people in verse 14? Why was it important for King Josiah and God's people to celebrate the Passover?
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## Live It:

1. The story of King Josiah and God's people teach us how important it is to be continually connected with God's Word that forms and reforms our faith and life. Has there ever been a time in your life when you were away from the preaching and teaching of God's Word? If so, how did it feel when your time in the Word was renewed?
2. When you come to worship and the Word of God is spoken and preached has your heart ever been moved in response to what you heard? If so, has God ever moved you to "tear down or destroy" some of the idols in your life? If so, what was that like for you?
3. King Josiah used his influence to gather people in his circle of influence together so they could also hear the Word of God. Have you ever been moved to gather people together to hear God's Word being taught or preached?
4. King Josiah brought God's people together to celebrate the Passover. We gather to celebrate Holy Communion. Read Luke 24:28-32. Take time to reflect on how you experience the presence of Jesus when participating in Holy Communion.



## GOD TIME:

### Daily Bible Readings [Nov. 25-Dec. 2]

Sunday:	2 Kings 22:1-10
Monday:	2 Kings 22:11-20
Tuesday:	2 Kings 23:1-3
Wednesday:	2 Kings 23:4-6
Thursday:	2 Kings 23:21-25
Friday:	2 Kings 25:1-7
Saturday:	2 Kings 25:8-17

\*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar our sermon series is based on.

