

REVIEW

Ephesians 6:10-17 – “Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all God’s armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then, after the battle, you will be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armour of God’s righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”

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24 KIDS IN THE BIBLE: JOASH

Remember, the Bible is God’s true story, full of some amazing characters. And some of those characters did some amazing things when they were kids. Last time, we learned about a kid named David, who we learned had a heart like God’s heart. This time, let’s learn about a young boy named Joash. His story can be found in the Bible in 2 Kings, chapters 11 and 12, and in 2 Chronicles, chapters 23 and 24.



Before Joash was born, the kingdom of Israel split into two kingdoms: Israel (in the north) and Judah (in the south). King David’s family were kings of Judah, ruling from the capital city of Jerusalem. Though David was a good king, many of his family that came after him were not good kings. Many of them forgot about God, and chose to live life their own way, and not God’s way. When these kings forgot about God, their nation also forgot about God. For the most

part, these were tough times in the nation of Judah. People lied, cheated, and were hurtful to one another. The nation was slowly falling apart. When Joash was born, his grandmother was queen. She worshiped idols, and was a cruel person, so cruel that she tried to have all of the royal family killed, including Joash. Thankfully, baby Joash was saved. For six years, Joash was hidden from the queen and raised by people that loved him and loved God.

When Joash was seven years old, it was decided that it was time to remove the queen from the throne, and make Joash king. Sadly, the queen was killed, but thankfully the nation of Judah was in much better hands with Joash as their king. Imagine being seven years old, and ruling a country!

How would you feel right now if you became Prime Minister of Canada?

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What one thing would you change about our country if you became Prime Minister?

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1 Timothy 4:12 – “Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.”

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Thankfully, Joash didn’t have to lead his country on his own. He had many godly people around him that helped him. He received wisdom from them. This is a good reminder that, not only should we trust God and His Word, but we need godly people around us to help us make good decisions.

MEMORIZE

Proverbs 15:22 – “Plans go wrong for a lack of advice. Many advisers bring success.”

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Advisers: Wise people who help us make good decisions.

One wise decision that Joash made was to repair the temple, where God was worshiped. By now, the temple was nearly 200 years old, and some things needed fixing. So, Joash encouraged his people to give money to help with this, and then encouraged the priests to make sure that it happened.

Joash started well, but sadly he finished poorly. His most trusted adviser, the high priest, died. And after this, Joash started to receive advice from those who were not wise, who had no desire to please God.

In the Bible, life is compared to a race. And, in order to win the race, we need to follow the rules, and run with all of our heart.

MEMORIZE

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 – “Don’t you realize that, in a race, everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.”

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Joash started the race of life well, but finished poorly. He went outside of his lane, failing to fully trust God. He ran for himself, and no longer ran for God.



May all of us, like Joash, start well in this race of life. But, unlike Joash, may we keep on running God’s race in God’s way, for all of our life. God will reward those who don’t just start well, but finish well.