

Girl Please Bible Study 4: What We Hold Dear Will Out Itself – 2 Kings 11:1-16

Getting Things Started

- Athaliah is the only female to ever rule the Biblical nation of Judah. She is the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel who ruled the Northern Kingdom of Israel. She is also the wife of King Jehoram/Joram of Judah.
- Jehosheba is the daughter of King Jehoram/Joram, the sister of King Ahaziah and the wife of Jehoiada the priest.

- 1) Why is it so difficult for most people to comprehend how one family member can harm other family members?

Into the Text

- 2) What goal is each of the following people trying to achieve? What are they willing to do to achieve it?

Athaliah	
Jhosheba	
Jehoiada	

- 3) What's the difference between the way that Athaliah becomes queen and the way that Joash becomes king?

- 4) What is significant about the way that Jehoiada interacts with the military commanders?

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Bringing Things Current

- 5) Athaliah was technically correct in shouting “treason” when she saw King Joash inside the temple as Jehoiada and the others did betray Athaliah by replacing her with someone else. Under what circumstances would it be good and right for people of faith to “betray” a leader within their fellowship community by following someone else?

- 6) The main characters in the lesson are family. For some members of the family, the family ties are least important. For others, faith ties are most important. Have you ever had to deal with a situation in which family commitments/expectations competed with faith commitments/expectations? If so, how did you resolve the issue? If faced with the same choice, would you make the same decision?
