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Remembering is not the destination. Remembering must lead to

An anniversary is not merely a monument to the past. It is an altar of for our future.

2 Kings 20:19, Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the Lord that you have spoken is good,” for he thought, “Why not, if there will be peace and security during my lifetime?”

Delayed _____ can make room for complacency and compromise.

Complacency does not always look like open rebellion. Sometimes it is being satisfied with personal peace while the next generation inherits spiritual ruin.

Are we only asking God to bless our lifetime, or are we building something faithful for the people who will come after us?

2. Manasseh

2 Kings 21:9, "...Manasseh caused them to stray so that they did worse evil than the nations the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites."

What one generation tolerates through complacency, the next generation may embrace as _____.

3. Amon

4. Josiah

2 Kings 22:2, "He did what was right in the Lord's sight and walked in all the ways of his ancestor David; he did not turn to the right or the left."

Your history does not have to be your _____.

God can renew in one generation what previous generations ruined.

Age 8: Josiah becomes king

Age 16: Josiah begins to _____ God

Age 20: Josiah removes idols

Age 26: Josiah _____ worship

Inner _____ must begin before outer revival.

Renewal Returns to the Word of God

2 Kings 22:8, The high priest Hilkiah told the court secretary Shaphan, "I have found the book of the law in the Lord's temple," and he gave the book to Shaphan, who read it.

2 Kings 22:11, "When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes."

2 Kings 22:19, "...because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before the Lord ... and because you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I myself have heard"—this is the Lord's declaration.

Renewal is not discovering a new truth no one has ever known. Renewal is returning to truth if truth has been neglected.

Renewal Involves Removing and Restoring

Repentance was not merely something Josiah felt. It became something Josiah did.

2 Kings 23:25 "Before him there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength according to all the law of Moses, and no one like him arose after him."

We needed a Greater King

Josiah could remove the idols from the temple, but he could not remove the idols from the human heart.

Jeremiah 31:33 "...I will put my teaching within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Jesus did not come simply to improve our behavior or reform our morality. He came to make us _____.

Renewal is the work of God's Spirit in surrendered people because of the finished work of Jesus.

For Reflection:

1. What have I normalized because the consequences have been delayed?
2. What needs to be removed or restored in my life?
3. Where is Jesus inviting me into renewed surrender and obedience?
4. What kind of faith am I handing to the generation coming behind me?