

Kings of Israel
When the Voices Change
Sunday, September 6, 2026

2 Chronicles 24:1-3, 15-18, 20 NIV

Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. His mother's name was Zibiah; she was from Beersheba. ² Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the years of Jehoiada the priest. ³ Jehoiada chose two wives for him, and he had sons and daughters."

¹⁵ Now Jehoiada was old and full of years, and he died at the age of a hundred and thirty. ¹⁶ He was buried with the kings in the City of David, because of the good he had done in Israel for God and his temple. ¹⁷ After the death of Jehoiada, the officials of Judah came and paid homage to the king, and he listened to them. ¹⁸ They abandoned the temple of the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and worshiped Asherah poles and idols. Because of their guilt, God's anger came on Judah and Jerusalem.

²⁰ Then the Spirit of God came on Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, "This is what God says: 'Why do you disobey the LORD's commands? You will not prosper. Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has forsaken you.'"

1. Remember His Faithfulness.

2. Receive Wise Counsel.

3. Keep God as Your Treasure.

Conclusion: Joash reminds us the voices around us will change, but the voice and faithfulness of God never will. We need people who will speak truth and point us toward Christ, but our faith cannot rest on another person's influence. **So when the voices change, what will your heart choose?** May we determine now that no matter who comes or goes, no matter what changes around us, **God will remain our treasure, our portion, and the One we will follow.**

LIFE GROUP LESSON
When the Voices Change
Week of September 6, 2026- September 12, 2026

Ice Breaker: What voice has influenced you most in making important decisions?

Read 2 Chronicles 24.

1. How old was Joash when he was made king? (v.1)
2. How long did he reign? (v.1)
3. How did he get to be king? 2 Chronicles 22:8-12
4. How did God show His faithfulness? 2 Chronicles 23:1-3, 11-16.
5. What do we see about how Joash led as king? (v.2)
6. What is significant about that verse?
7. What role did Jehoiada play in Joash's life?
8. What happened under this counsel? (vs.4-14)
9. Read Deuteronomy 7:9. What truth is made known?
10. Why is it important to rightly understand God's faithfulness?
11. Where was Jehoiada buried? (v.16) Where was Joash buried? (v.25) Why is this significant? What is the difference?
12. Who came to speak into Joash after and how did they approach the king? What was their intention? (v.17)
13. Were they following God's ways? What influence were they suggesting to the king? Did Joash listen? Why?
14. Why didn't Joash remain faithful to what he was taught and knew? What was missing?
15. Have you had someone you trusted speak wise counsel you received, and after they were gone, you let that fall away? Why do you think that is? What was missing for you?
16. Why do we dismiss Godly counsel at times and listen to others?
17. Do you give certain people permission to speak into you? Is that hard or easy to do?
18. Read Proverbs 11:14. What does this mean? Do you follow this?
19. Read Proverbs 13:20. How does this apply to listening to voices in our lives?
20. Did God try to call Joash back? (v.20) Does He try to call us back when we drift? What does this show you about God?
21. Read Matthew 6:21. How important is it for God Himself to be our treasure? Why?

Point to ponder: **Treasuring God** keeps our hearts anchored when the voices and circumstances around us change