



THE

Reformer



If we will learn to lead ourselves, lead our families and lead our church after the life and leadership of King Josiah, I believe that we will see a renewing and reviving of our children, youth, marriages, families, church and community.

A dark, atmospheric forest scene with a large white letter 'I' in the center. The background is a dense forest of evergreen trees, with a path leading through the woods. The lighting is dim, creating a mysterious and somber mood. The text 'I' is centered in the upper half of the image.

I

A story of lost and found.

⁸ In the eighteenth year of his reign, after he had purified the land and the Temple, Josiah appointed Shaphan son of Azaliah, Maaseiah the governor of Jerusalem, and Joah son of Joahaz, the royal historian, to repair the Temple of the Lord his God.

2 Chronicles 34:8 NLT

⁹ They gave Hilkiah the high priest the money that had been collected by the Levites who served as gatekeepers at the Temple of God.

2 Chronicles 34:9a-11 NLT

¹⁰ He entrusted the money to the men assigned to supervise the restoration of the Lord's Temple. Then they paid the workers who did the repairs and renovation of the Temple. ¹¹ They hired carpenters and builders, who purchased finished stone for the walls and timber for the rafters and beams. They restored what earlier kings of Judah had allowed to fall into ruin.

2 Chronicles 34:9a-11 NLT

¹⁴ While they were bringing out the money collected at the Lord's Temple, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord that was written by Moses. ¹⁵ Hilkiah said to Shaphan the court secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the Lord's Temple!" Then Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan.

2 Chronicles 34:14-18 NLT

¹⁶ Shaphan took the scroll to the king and reported, “Your officials are doing everything they were assigned to do. ¹⁷ The money that was collected at the Temple of the Lord has been turned over to the supervisors and workmen.” ¹⁸ Shaphan also told the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll.” So Shaphan read it to the king.

2 Chronicles 34:14-18 NLT

¹⁹ When the king heard what was written in the Law, he tore his clothes in despair.

2 Chronicles 34:19 NLT

II

**In this story and in our world
the Word of God has been lost.**



How have we lost the Word of God?

HOW HAVE WE LOST THE WORD OF GOD?



We have trampled on the Word of God.

HOW HAVE WE LOST THE WORD OF GOD?

We have trampled on the Word of God.

We have despised the Word of God.



HOW HAVE WE LOST THE WORD OF GOD?

We have trampled on the Word of God.

We have despised the Word of God.

We have neglected the Word of God.



III

We must rediscover the
Word of God.



**How do we rediscover
the Word of God?**

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¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Matthew 5:17 ESV

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Rediscovery through
fulfillment not abolishment.

HOW DO WE REDISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD?

¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Matthew 5:18 ESV

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Rediscovery through the
trustworthiness of the Word of God.

HOW DO WE REDISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD?

¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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Rediscovery through the obedience and teaching of truth not relaxing truth.

HOW DO WE REDISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD?

²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20 ESV

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**Rediscovery through deep
understanding and discernment.**

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16 ESV



There is no **shortcut** for letting the
Word of God dwell in us richly.