

2 Chronicles 24:1-2

- **1** *Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.*
- **2** *Joash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.*

2 Chronicles 24:17-18

- **17** *Now after the death of Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came and bowed down to the king. And the king listened to them.*
- **18** *Therefore they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass.*

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days of Jehoiada the priest.**”***

Building Your Own

F A I T H

Five wooden blocks are arranged in a row on a wooden surface, spelling out the word "FAITH". Each block has a white square in the center with a black letter. The blocks are slightly blurred at the ends, and their reflection is visible on the surface below them.

Building Your Own Faith

- “Examine yourselves as to **whether you are in the faith**. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? --unless indeed you are disqualified” (2 Cor. 13:5).
- “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12).

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- “I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance **the genuine faith that is in you**, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also” (2 Timothy 1:3-5).

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- **How?**

- Search and examine the evidence for yourself (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Rom. 10:17; Acts 17:11; Lk. 1:4)
- Become a diligent student of God's Word (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18; Heb. 5:12)
- Talk to God often (1 Thess. 5:17; James 4:8)
- Worship God faithfully (Acts 2:41-42; Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 14:26)

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- **Why?**

- It's impossible to please God without having your own faith (Hebrews 11:6).
- Cannot be saved without belief (John 8:24).
- Lack ability to resist the devil and overcome his temptations (I Peter 5:8-9; Eph. 6:16).
- We'll not be able to endure tribulation or persecution (Matt. 13:20-21; I Peter 1:6-7).

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- **Why?**

- We'll be spiritually weak, prone to compromise and apostasy (I Cor. 16:13; Eph. 4:13-15).
- Every follower of Christ must have his own convictions (Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21; 2 Tim. 1:12).
- So you will spend eternity in heaven (I Peter 1:9; Revelation 2:10).

2 Chronicles 34:1-3

- **1** Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.
- **2** And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.
- **3** For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David...

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