**Hezekiah:  Good and Right and Faithful**

2 Chronicles 29-31

**2 Chronicles 31:20 (ESV)**Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what was good and right and faithful before the Lord his God.

**2 Chronicles 31:21 (ESV)**And every work that he undertook in the service of the house of God and in accordance with the law and the commandments, seeking his God, he did with all his heart, and prospered.

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**2 Chronicles 29:1 (ESV)**Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.

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**What characterized the spiritual revival under Hezekiah?**

1. **Sanctification — Cleaning up God’s people and God’s house.**

**2 Chronicles 29:3 (ESV)**In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them.

**2 Chronicles 29:4 (ESV)**He brought in the priests and the Levites and assembled them in the square on the east

**2 Chronicles 29:5 (ESV)**and said to them, “Hear me, Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the Lord, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from the Holy Place.”

**2 Chronicles 29:16 (ESV)**The priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord to cleanse it, and they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took it and carried it out to the brook Kidron.

**Leviticus 20:7 (ESV)**Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God.

1. **Separation — Turning away from sin and back to God.**

**2 Chronicles 29:6 (ESV)**For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done what was evil in the sight of the Lord our God. They have forsaken Him and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord and turned their backs.

**2 Chronicles 29:10 (ESV)**Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the Lord, the God of Israel, in order that His fierce anger may turn away from us.

**2 Corinthians 6:17 (ESV)**Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

1. **Sacrifice — Trusting in the blood atonement.**

**2 Chronicles 29:20 (ESV)**Then Hezekiah the king rose early and gathered the officials of the city and went up to the house of the Lord.

**2 Chronicles 29:21 (ESV)**And they brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats for a sin offering for the kingdom and for the sanctuary and for Judah. And he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer them on the altar of the Lord.

**2 Chronicles 29:22 (ESV)**So they slaughtered the bulls, and the priests received the blood and threw it against the altar. And they slaughtered the rams, and their blood was thrown against the altar. And they slaughtered the lambs, and their blood was thrown against the altar.

**2 Chronicles 29:23 (ESV)**Then the goats for the sin offering were brought to the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them,

**2 Chronicles 29:24 (ESV)**and the priests slaughtered them and made a sin offering with their blood on the altar, to make atonement for all Israel. For the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.

1. **Singing — Giving God praise and worship.**

**2 Chronicles 29:28 (ESV)**The whole assembly worshiped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded. All this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

**2 Chronicles 29:29 (ESV)**When the offering was finished, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped.

**2 Chronicles 29:30 (ESV)**And Hezekiah the king and the officials commanded the Levites to sing praises to the Lord with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed down and worshiped.

**Psalm 100:2 (ESV)**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

**Hebrews 13:15 (ESV)**Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.

1. **Seeking — Calling others to return to God.**

**2 Chronicles 30:6 (ESV)**So couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with letters from the king and his princes, as the king had commanded, saying, “O people of Israel, return to the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that He may turn again to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.

**2 Chronicles 30:7 (ESV)**Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were faithless to the Lord God of their fathers, so that He made them a desolation, as you see.

**2 Chronicles 30:8 (ESV)**Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord and come to His sanctuary, which He has consecrated forever, and serve the Lord your God, that His fierce anger may turn away from you.

**2 Chronicles 30:9 (ESV)**For if you return to the Lord, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away His face from you, if you return to Him.”

**2 Chronicles 30:10 (ESV)**So the couriers went from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun, but they laughed them to scorn and mocked them.

**2 Chronicles 30:11 (ESV)**However, some men of Asher, of Manasseh, and of Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

1. **Supplication — Praying for God to work among His people.**

**2 Chronicles 30:18 (ESV)**For a majority of the people, many of them from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than as prescribed. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, “May the good Lord pardon everyone

**2 Chronicles 30:19 (ESV)**who sets his heart to seek God, the Lord, the God of his fathers, even though not according to the sanctuary’s rules of cleanness.”

1. **Support — Providing for those who serve God.**

**2 Chronicles 31:3 (ESV)**The contribution of the king from his own possessions was for the burnt offerings: the burnt offerings of morning and evening, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, the new moons, and the appointed feasts, as it is written in the Law of the Lord.

**2 Chronicles 31:4 (ESV)**And he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the Law of the Lord.

**2 Chronicles 31:5 (ESV)**As soon as the command was spread abroad, the people of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field. And they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.

**2 Chronicles 31:8 (ESV)**When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord and His people Israel.

1. **Scripture — Honoring and obeying God’s Word.**

**2 Chronicles 31:21 (ESV)**And every work that he undertook in the service of the house of God and in accordance with the law and the commandments, seeking his God, he did with all his heart, and prospered.

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**Zechariah 1:3 (ESV)**Therefore say to them, Thus declares the Lord of hosts: Return to Me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.

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**1 John 1:7 (ESV)**But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.