

FoDCC: 18th May - Tim Cracknell

Faithful living in tough times - Jehoiada

2 Chronicles 22:10 - 24:16

2 Kings 11-12

How to be faithful in tough times:

1. Wait patiently for God's timing.

"In the seventh year of Athaliah's reign, Jehoiada the priest decided to act." 2 Chronicles 23:1a

2. Get to know God's Word.

"The Lord has promised that a descendant of David will be our king." 2 Chronicles 23:3b

"God's will is for you to be holy..." 1 Thessalonians 4:3

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 4:16

3. Make a wise plan.

"So the Levites and all the people of Judah did everything as Jehoiada the priest ordered." 2 Chronicles 23:8

4. Ask God to give you courage!

"He summoned his courage..." 2 Chronicles 23:1

5. Draw around you godly support.

"He...made a pact with five army commanders: Azariah son of Jeroham, Ishmael son of Jehohanan, Azariah son of Obed, Maaseiah son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat son of Zicri."

6. Put God first in your life.

"Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself and the king and the people that they would be the Lord's people." 2 Chronicles 23:16

Result: ■ False gods destroyed

"And all the people went over to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They demolished the altars and smashed the idols, and they killed Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars." 2 Chronicles 23:17

 ■ Nation was changed

"Joash did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight throughout the lifetime of Jehoiada the priest." 2 Chronicles 24:2

 ■ God was honoured

"At one point Joash decided to repair and restore the Temple of the Lord." 2 Chronicles 24:4

 ■ Integrity flourished

"No accounting of this money was required from the construction supervisors, because they were honest and trustworthy men." 2 Kings 12:15

 ■ Nation experienced joy

"This pleased all the leaders and the people, and they gladly brought their money and filled the chest with it." 2 Chronicles 24:10