

# King of the World – Week 2

2 Chronicles 24:1-2

Joash was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem forty years...

2 Chronicles 24:1-2

Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord all the years of Jehoiada the priest.

2 Chronicles 24:14-15

...As long as Jehoiada lived, burnt offerings were presented continually in the temple of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 24:14-15

Now Jehoiada was old and full of years, and he died...

2 Chronicles 24:17-18

After the death of Jehoiada, the officials of Judah came and paid homage to the king, and he listened to them.

2 Chronicles 24:17-18

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.

2 Kings 12:18

But Joash king of Judah took all the sacred objects dedicated by his predecessors—Jehoshaphat, Jehoram and Ahaziah, the kings of Judah—and the gifts he himself had dedicated and all the gold found in the treasuries of the temple of the Lord and of the royal palace, and he sent them to Hazael king of Aram, who then withdrew from

2 Kings 12:18

Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 24:21-23

But they plotted against him, and by order of the king they stoned him to death in the courtyard of the Lord's temple.

2 Chronicles 24:21-23

King Joash did not remember the kindness Zechariah's father Jehoiada had shown him but killed his son,...

2 Chronicles 24:21-23

At the turn of the year, the army of Aram marched against Joash; it invaded Judah and Jerusalem and killed all the leaders of the people. They sent all the plunder to their king in Damascus.

## How to avoid the “could have beens”

### 1. Don't confuse action with ownership.

2 Chronicles 24:4-5

Some time later Joash decided to restore the temple of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 24:4-5

He called together the priests and Levites and said to them, “Go to the towns of Judah and collect the money due annually from all Israel, to repair the temple of your God..

Joash did right in the eyes of the Lord all the years of Jehoida, .... all the years Jehoida instructed him..

as long as Jehoida lived there were burnt offerings at the temple (but) After Jehoida died he abandoned the temple

When the influence is removed do our actions change?

## How to avoid the “could have beens”

### 2. Go the last 10%.

2 Kings 12:2-3

Joash did what was right in the eyes of the Lord all the years Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

2 Kings 12:2-3

Yet he did not destroy the high places. The people continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense there.

Romans 13:14

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, .

## How to avoid the “could have beens”

### 3. Build your integrity not your image.

Integrity:

Is this who I am, or just who I'm around?

We are tempted to finish with fear,  
what was started with faith.