Identity: The Pattern Stops Here

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You may have inherited the environment, but you don't have to inherit the agreement.

Josiah's story

Josiah became king at 8 and began to seek God at about 16 (2 Chronicles 34:3). His grandfather Manasseh put an idol in God's Temple, and his father Amon kept doing evil. Josiah still "did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight" (2 Kings 22:2) and broke the pattern.

Three truths

1. **You inherited the environment, not the agreement.** (2 Kings 22:1–2; 1 Peter 2:9) Your family history may explain a struggle, but it doesn't write your ending. God calls you chosen, royal, holy and His.
2. **The Word reveals what the pattern hid.** (2 Kings 22:8–13) God's Word was lost inside God's house. You can't break what you refuse to name.
3. **The pattern stops here, and something better gets passed on.** (2 Kings 23:1–3, 25) Manasseh changed late, but his son Amon never caught it (2 Chronicles 33:23). Fixing it in yourself isn't enough; hand it down on purpose.

My response

A pattern that stops with me: _____

What I'll pass on instead: _____

One thing I'll remove this week: _____

One younger man I'll invest in: _____

This week, every day

1. Read slowly, out loud if you can: 2 Kings 22–23 or 1 Peter 2:9.
2. Mark what God has done and who you are now.
3. Turn one phrase into a sentence of faith: "I am chosen. I belong to God."

Declaration

I am chosen by God. I am not trapped by what I inherited. God's Word shows me the truth. By the power of God, the pattern stops here, and something better starts with me.

Scripture (NLT)

2 Kings 22:1–2 — 1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah from Bozkath. 2 He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right.

2 Kings 22:8–13 — 8 Hilkiah the high priest 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, and he read it. 9 Shaphan went to the king and reported, "Your officials have turned over the money collected at the Temple of the Lord to the workers and supervisors at the Temple." 10 Shaphan also told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll." So Shaphan read it to the king. 11 When the king heard what was written in the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes in despair. 12 Then he gave these orders to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Acbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the court secretary, and Asaiah the king's personal adviser: 13 "Go to the Temple and speak to the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah. Inquire about the words written in this scroll that has been found. For the Lord's great anger is burning against us because our ancestors have not obeyed the words in this scroll. We have not been doing everything it says we must do."

2 Kings 23:1–3 — 1 Then the king summoned all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And the king went up to the Temple of the Lord with all the people of Judah and Jerusalem, along with the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. There the king read to them the entire Book of the Covenant that had been found in the Lord's Temple. 3 The king took his place of authority beside the pillar and renewed the covenant in the Lord's presence. He pledged to obey the Lord by keeping all his

commands, laws, and decrees with all his heart and soul. In this way, he confirmed all the terms of the covenant that were written in the scroll, and all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

2 Kings 23:25 — 25 Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.

2 Chronicles 33:12–13 — 12 But while in deep distress, Manasseh sought the Lord his God and sincerely humbled himself before the God of his ancestors. 13 And when he prayed, the Lord listened to him and was moved by his request. So the Lord brought Manasseh back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh finally realized that the Lord alone is God!

2 Chronicles 33:21–23 — 21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem two years. 22 He did what was evil in the Lord's sight, just as his father, Manasseh, had done. He worshiped and sacrificed to all the idols his father had made. 23 But unlike his father, he did not humble himself before the Lord. Instead, Amon sinned even more.

2 Chronicles 34:1–3 — 1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. 2 He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right. 3 During the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, Josiah began to seek the God of his ancestor David. Then in the twelfth year he began to purify Judah and Jerusalem, destroying all the pagan shrines, the Asherah poles, and the carved idols and cast images.

1 Peter 2:9 — 9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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