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MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Response Card

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PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING:

- ☐ I am a first-time guest.
- ☐ I am a returning guest.
- ☐ I am a regular attendee/member.

MY DECISION TODAY:

- ☐ I want to know more about the Gospel.
- ☐ I am committing my life to Christ.
- ☐ I am renewing my commitment to Christ.
- ☐ I want to join a small group.
- ☐ I would like to serve on a team.

COMMENTS/PRAYER NEEDS:

- ☐ For Prayer Team
- ☐ For Pastor

Day by Day by Grace
(September 28th)

More on Josiah Humbling Himself before the Lord

*Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard—because your **heart** was **tender**, and you **humbled** yourself **before God** when you heard **His words** against this place and against its inhabitants, and you **humbled** yourself before **Me**, and you **tore** your clothes and **wept** before **Me**, I also have heard you," says the LORD..."**your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants.**"¹ ([2 Chronicles 34:26-27, 28b](#))*

King Josiah was a godly ruler, who purged the land of idolatrous activities. When the neglected word of God was discovered in the temple, he responded **humbly** as he heard it read. *"Now it happened, when the **king** heard the **words of the Law**, that he **tore his clothes.**"* ([2 Chronicles 34:19](#))² He thereby escaped the judgment that was deserved by the rebellious people. Also, this appropriate wrath was postponed until after his reign.

These blessings of **grace** came because of Josiah's **humble** response to God's word. His heart was **soft** when he heard the word of the Lord: *"Concerning the **words** which you have **heard-because your heart was tender.**"* The attitude of the heart toward the Scriptures is pivotal if a person is to experience God's grace at work in his life. A hard-hearted response to the word of God does not receive the grace of God. The Israelites in Zechariah's day were a sad example of this. The Lord sent His word to them, *"But they **refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears** so that they could not hear. Yes, they made their **hearts like flint, refusing to hear** the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus **great wrath** came from the LORD of hosts"* ([Zechariah 7:11-12](#)).

Josiah's attitude was a vivid contrast. *"You **humbled yourself before God** when you heard **His words** against this place and against its inhabitants."* He did what James would later call God's people to do. *"**Receive with meekness the implant-ed word**"* ([James 1:21](#)). Josiah's humility was so evident. *"You **humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me.**"* The result was that Josiah would enjoy the grace of God. His time of leadership would not have to go through the wrath that the people deserved from their previous rebellion and hardhearted-ness. *"**Your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants.**"*

Dear Lord, I confess that I have not always responded in humility before Your word. I thank You for Your forgiving grace. Yet, even more, I hunger for Your transforming grace. Shape my heart into a tender vessel that will meekly receive Your holy word, day by day, for Your honor and glory, Amen.

Lunch offering can be placed in the offering box in the multi-purpose room.
For church members, offering can be dropped in the offering box in the EM room or sent to **NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116.**
(Offering is mainly for our church members and regular attendees. If you are visiting us today, just fill in the response card and place it in the offering box.)



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NVCCC English Ministry September 28, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Praise*
 - Prayer*
 - Scripture reading
Joshua 4:1-9
 - Message
Lest We Forget
 - Speaker
Pastor Kenneth
 - Response Card and Offerings
 - Response song*
 - Announcements
 - Doxology*
 - Benediction/Closing prayer
Pastor Kenneth
- (* Stand if you are able, please.)

UPCOMING

Save the date!

Fall retreat - October 17th - 19th

Thank you for being with us today. For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website.

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TODAY’S SCRIPTURE

Joshua 4:1-9

4 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ²“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

⁴ So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ ⁷ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

⁸ So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. ⁹ Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

God’s love for you is forever and ever in Christ!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How often do I remember what Jesus did on the cross for me?

2. Are there scars in my life that God wants to use to remind me of what he has done in my life?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- () Membership 101
- () Maturity 201
- () Ministry 301
- () Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- () Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- () Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- () How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- () I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

Citations

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