

**FIELDS OF FAITH**

# Impact Student & Adult Manual

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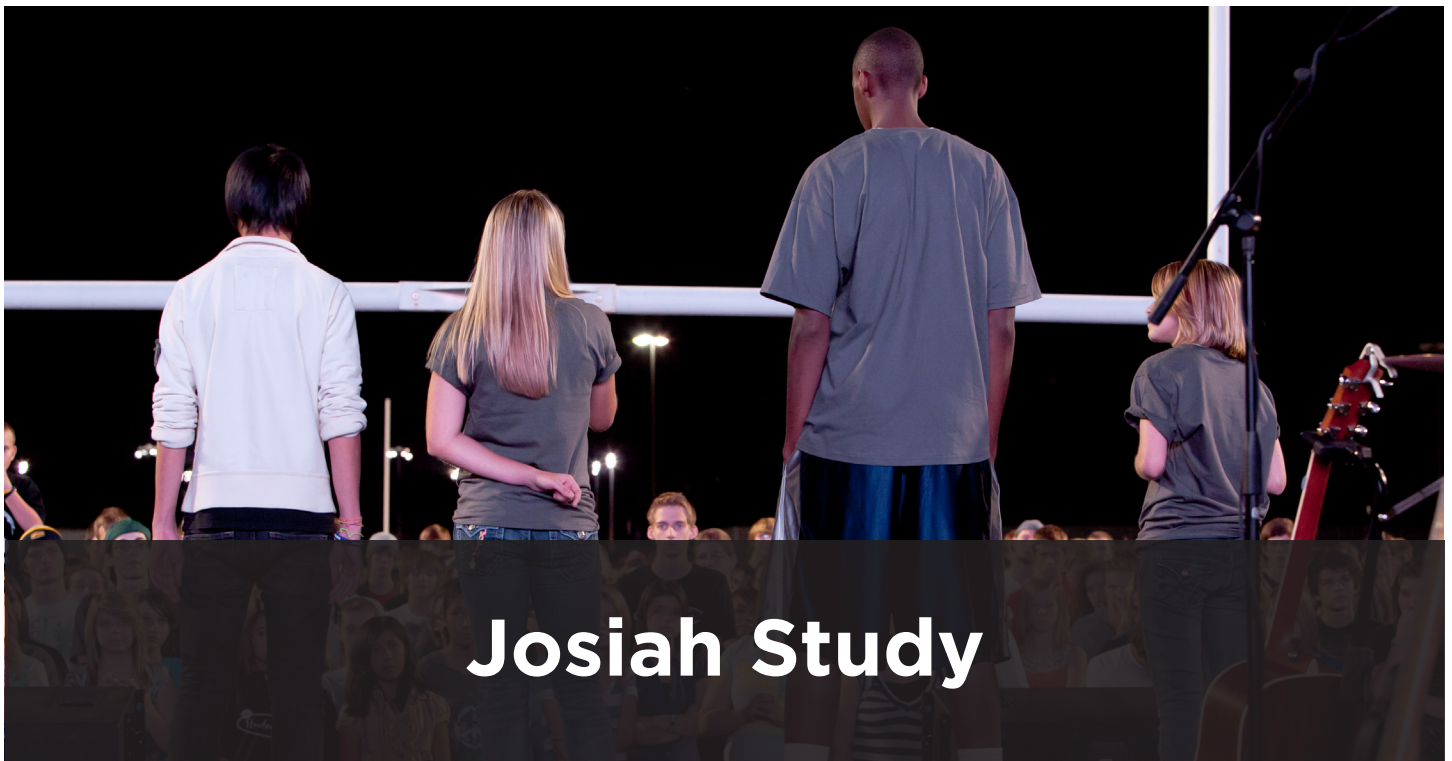


# Welcome to Fields of Faith!

This brief manual includes:

- A Bible study you'll want to do individually or as a group before your Field
- An outline for an Impact Student Salvation Testimony
- An outline for an Impact Adult Closing Challenge





# Josiah Study

## Read 2 Chronicles 34 twice

- According to 2 Chronicles 34:2, describe Josiah.
- If people on your campus were to describe you, what do you think they would say?
- Would it be anything like the description of Josiah? Why or why not?

## Seek

2 Chronicles 34:3 says when he was 16 years old, still young, he began to seek God. When he was 20, he went into action. He began to purge his nation of the detestable idols. When he turned 26 (v.8), he began to clean out and repair the temple of God.

Read Jeremiah 29:13. What happens when you truly seek God?

A natural result of that is to remove anything sinful. You see, the closer you get to God, the more visible sin becomes. It's like walking into a dark room to kill cockroaches. You probably will have little success until you turn a light on. They hate the light; they scurry away to the shadows allowing you to clearly see them. Easy target for the bottom of your shoe and "squish!"

God is the light of your life. The closer you are to Him, the clearer the sin in your life.  
Circle the # that best describes your present efforts to seek God with all your heart, mind and strength.

Again, we're not talking about intentions, we're talking about effort.

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## Clean

After purging Judah of the pagan idols, Josiah began to clean out the temple of God. It hadn't been used in 55 years! While his men were cleaning out the temple, they found the book of the law. This was the only bible up to that time (Genesis - Deuteronomy). Get this, it had gotten so bad in Judah, they had completely lost all the scriptures! No one read the bible. They were effectively cut off from God's directions for their lives.

No wonder they became worse than the Canaanites before them, which included Sodom & Gomorrah. These were indeed dark days in the history of Judah. The book was taken to Josiah and read to him. It was the first time he had heard the word of God. His response changed a nation.

What did he do in v. 19? (his response was a symbol of extreme grief in ancient times)  
His response is further described in v. 27

FACT: God always hears and responds to a repentant heart.

YOU: Josiah didn't have some huge, cutting-edge ministry strategy to reach his nation for God. He was simply cleaning out the temple, getting rid of things he knew were wrong.

How does the scripture describe you in 1 Corinthians 6:19?

When was the last time you "cleaned out your temple?"

I'm not talking about comparing yourself to others and feeling good about it. Josiah could have done that and been head and shoulders above everyone in the kingdom. No. He compared himself and his nation to God's standards in scripture, and he was broken at the depth of sin.

Take a moment right now and ask God to shine the white-hot search light of his Holy Spirit on your heart. Ask Him to reveal any sin that is present in you. These may be some areas you struggle with.

Pride  
Worshiping Sports  
Compromising Movies  
Lust  
Drugs

Alcohol  
Worshiping Academics  
Compromising Humor  
Spiritual Apathy  
Worshiping a Relationship

Gossip  
Filthy Language  
Worshiping Popularity  
Self Image  
Honoring Parents

Whatever it may be, respond like Josiah did:

A Responsive Heart - Not a Hardened Heart. Humility - Not Arrogance. Tears - Not Indifference

Remember, God always hears and responds to a humble heart.

## Challenge

Josiah was a leader, and he sprang into action. Read 2 Chronicles 34:29-30a. Who did he call together?

In verse 30b, what did he do once he got them in one place?

In verse 31, when he made a covenant before God, was it private or public?

In verse 32, did his challenge end with him?

In verse 33, how long did his covenant have an effect on Judah?

A nation was godless and full of sin.  
Along came One Impact Person...  
who with Scripture caused a nation to follow the Lord!

### The Josiah Formula

Seek..... he sought the Lord

Clean..... he cleaned the temple

Read.....he read the scripture

React.....he repented

Challenge..... he challenged the masses



## Impact Student Testimonies

A personal testimony is simply sharing what God has done in your life. One of the most effective ways to prepare your testimony is to ask three questions.

Example:

**What my life was like before I met Christ?**

I was raised in a Christian home and went to church. But I was always afraid of dying after I had two asthma attacks in the night that almost killed me.

**How did I come to know Christ?**

When I was twelve, I couldn't go to sleep one night because of my fear of dying in the night. I woke my mom up and she shared with me that if I am a Christian, I don't have to fear death because I can go to heaven. I prayed to receive Christ as my personal Lord and Savior that night.

**What has my life been like since?**

I no longer stay awake at night wondering where I will spend eternity. It will be in heaven because of Jesus Christ.

Now, you try it. Work through the questions below, write your testimony in your own words and practice sharing it. Yours might be long and exciting, or short and sweet. It is important to focus on what God has done, not on what you did wrong in the past. Feel free to use more paper if you need to, but remember, keeping things "simple" is always best when speaking to a group.

# Developing Your Testimony

What was my life like before Christ?

How did I meet Christ?

How has my life been since accepting Christ?

## Testimony Tips

Fields of Faith, as an inter-denominational ministry, provides an opportunity for students and adults the privilege to communicate a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. A testimony is the most common format provided. The goal of a testimony is to introduce others to Jesus Christ.

The audience at the rally will be comprised of individuals of various church denominations and people from unchurched backgrounds. Those attending the rally will either already know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior or have yet to establish a personal relationship with Christ. The goal of the testimony, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to move people either toward the point of conversion at the cross or beyond the cross into maturing obedience in Christ.

Your Salvation Testimony should focus on:

- The key is to share your story. Tell your story how you came to know Him personally.
- Three key parts to every testimony:
  - (1) before Christ
  - (2) how you came to Christ and
  - (3) how you have grown in Christ.

## Helpful Tips to Remember

1. Refrain from using spiritual terminology, clichés or phrases with which the unchurched may not be familiar or cause them to be uncomfortable.
2. When using scripture references, be sure not to use too many, or simply make reference. Read the whole verse(s) that is appropriate, being cautious not to get caught in lengthy scripture readings. Share the main verse(s) that had the greatest impact in your life.
3. Be careful with particular denominational issues which could become tangents to the overall purpose of your message. Any negative comments about people, churches, denominations or issues can be counter productive.





- Wrap up what has been shared.
- Give an invitation to accept Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.
- Give an opportunity to stand with others and commit to the challenge of passionately pursuing Christ through personal bible study and prayer. The act of physically standing is powerful!
- "Twenty-One Days with God" Challenge.

This is a great "hands-on" opportunity for everyone to join together and start reading God's Word each day.

The challenge will be to read a chapter of John each day. There are twenty-one chapters in John. This is an eyewitness account of someone who walked with Jesus.

Experts say that if anyone will do something for twenty-one days it will become a habit. We have printed Gospels available for purchase or free digital Bibles available for those who attend your Field. Visit <http://www.fieldsofffaith.com/resources-before/>

- Have an Impact Student close in prayer.