



Mastering Change (extended cut)

"King of Change"

THE LIFE OF MANASSEH

Week 7 of 8

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We will never be able to handle change until we can handle it in ourselves.

Who was Manasseh?

After King David, the line of kings was:

Solomon • Rehoboam • Abijah • Asa • Jehoshaphat • Jehoram • Ahaziah
Joash • Amaziah • Uzziah • Jotham • Ahaz • Hezekiah • Manasseh ...

Manasseh's Transformation

2 Chronicles 33:1-20 (p. 324)

- ▶ He led Judah to be more **wicked** than any previous nation.
- ▶ After ignoring God, he was **captured** by Assyria.
- ▶ In captivity, he **humbled** himself before God.
- ▶ Once restored, he **followed** God the rest of his life.
His change seemed to be quick and complete! How was that possible?

Key Verse

And when he prayed to him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is God.

2 Chronicles 33:13

live against God -> captivity / submit to God -> restoration

The key to real change is learning that **God is God!**

He is GOD in Justice / GOD in Grace / GOD in charge!

ILL: That's how God became real to me! Not in captivity, but in Mexico.

Learning the Lesson that God is God

1: **Submit** to God without the **crisis**.

ILL: SOME OF US WON'T CHANGE W/O DISCIPLINE (ME).

ILL: some of us won't change WITH discipline (my sister). (& King Saul)

BUT THERE IS A BETTER WAY, JUST OBEY.

ILL: I have lived a charmed life because my family has a long history of submission to God, and I meet people who tell me, "Well it's easier for you..." Never to late to start.

SUBMIT WITHOUT THE CRISIS AND YOU MAY AVOID THE CRISIS!

V. 13 / MANAS. WASN'T FULLY CONVINCED ABOUT GOD UNTIL AFTER HIS RESTORATION.

2. Submit to God **before** you have your answers
& before you receive any **blessing**.

IT'S ABOUT LEARNING THAT GOD IS GOD.

3. Stay in submission **after** the blessing comes.

ILL: I'd clean my room for the week, get my reward and then forget about it.

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*When we find it hard to walk through personal change,
it's often because we don't grasp the total GOD-ness of God!*

One more thing, by sending Manasseh into hardship, God saved his life.