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2 Kings 22:2

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2 Chronicles 34-35

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For in the eighth year of his reign (16), while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year (20) he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images.

2 Chronicles 34:3

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They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars which were above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

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But when he read His Word, everything changed.

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Then the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

The king went up to the house of the LORD, with all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests and the Levites, and all the people, great and small. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD.

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Chapter 35 talks about the Passover they kept.

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Thus Josiah removed all the abominations from all the country that belonged to the children of Israel, and (he) made all who were present in Israel diligently serve the LORD their God.

All his days they (children of Israel) did not depart from following the LORD God of their fathers.

2 Chronicles 34:33

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Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with (1) all his heart, with (2) all his soul, and with (3) all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him.

2 Kings 23:25

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Now, let's look at the Luke passage.

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“And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!”

Luke 12:4-5

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What are they being deceived about?

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For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

James 1:23-24

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What are you prepared to do about it?