

**Sermon Series: *Why We Do What We Do***

**Restoring the Church to the Image of God  
2 Chronicles 34**

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1. In our lives and in the church sometimes we need to do some housecleaning. Our lives get cluttered up with unimportant details.
2. There is a story back in the history of ancient Judah of a young king by the name of Josiah who became king of Judah when he was only 8 years old.
  - a. Josiah sought not just the word of God but he sought to know God. Listen to 2 Chronicles 34:3: “In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David. In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles, carved idols and cast images.”
3. There are some important spiritual parallels for us today.
  - I. There Was a Time in our History When Reforms Were Needed.
    - A. Two hundred years ago the American church was in chaos.
    - B. This group had no distinctive except that they had no distinctions.
  - II. That Unity Movement Desired to be Non-denominational.
    - A. So these groups were just seeking to obey Christ in everything.
    - B. The movement grew and spread through the American frontier.
  - III. Remember These Three Things.
    - A. First, our plea is a Christ - centered plea.
    - B. Second, our movement is Bible - based.
    - C. Third, our movement is patterned by the New Testament.