

Jehosheba
2 Kings 11:1-3
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from Jehosheba's bravery.

- Intro:
1. Throughout the pages of the Bible we find examples of extraordinary and courageous women.
 2. Jehosheba is no exception. She showed great courage during a time of great wickedness. Her and her husband worked together in doing what was right.
 3. Jehosheba = "Jehovah has sworn";
Alternate spelling in 2 Chronicles 22:11 - Jehoshabeath = "Jehovah is an oath"
Jehosheba was the wife of Jehoiada = "Jehovah knows"; who was high priest during the reign of Athaliah.
Athaliah = "afflicted of the Lord"

I. The Evil Queen

A. Athaliah's murders (**2 Kings 11:1**)

1. Athaliah murdered all those who would be heirs to the throne, or she attempted to.
2. This means she was killing children.
 - a. Does this sound familiar? (**Mt 2:16**)

B. A Dark Heart

1. The actions of this evil "queen" shows how her heart had been darkened by sin, selfishness & hatred.
2. These ingredients lead to the murder of the innocent (**Pro 6:16-17**).
3. This woman actually advised her son to do evil and so he did (**2 Chron 22:1-5a**).
 - a. Thus, her evil actions here are not all together surprising.

II. Desperate actions in desperate times.

A. Rescuing the innocent (**2 Kings 11:2**).

1. Jehosheba rescued the child and in doing so risked her own life.
2. She would provide protection and a upbringing for the child.
 - a. She not provided a place to live for the child but also for his nurse as well.

B. Preservation of a King (**2 Kings 11:3**).

1. For six years the child was hidden, this would be no small endeavor.
2. Working together with her husband the king was preserved (**2 Chron 22:11b**)

C. The arrival of the rightful King

1. It's interesting to point out here that the name Joash means "given by the Lord".
2. We see the high priest (Jehosheba's husband) does what is necessary to place the rightful king (Joash) on the throne. (**2 Chron 23:1-3,11,21**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. We must try to save the innocent from harm.

- 1. We do this by teaching our children about God.**
- 2. We do this by setting the right example.**
- 3. We show others what is right even in uncertain times.**

B. Doing what is right can be a risk.

1. Today, we live in a time when living righteously is not popular.

2. Protecting the innocent child was dangerous.

3. Jehosheba sets an example of protecting the innocent even at the risk of personal harm.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Jehosheba shows great courage and determination in her actions.
2. Doing what is right always will include courage and determination.
 - a. She was determined to see the innocent spared and we must show the same determination.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9