

REAL LIFE ISSUES

SPIRITUAL BATTLE

>> There is a saying: “Keep your friends close and your enemies closer.” When it comes to spiritual battles, this is horrible advice! Sometimes spiritual defeat is the result of letting the enemy nearer than he should be—we allow him to have input in our lives. In the Old Testament, King Josiah found that getting rid of idols and idol worship made a huge difference in his kingdom. Read **2 Kings 22:1—23:25**.

1. When Josiah was twenty-six, what was found in the Temple (2 Kings 22:8)?
2. How did Josiah respond when he heard it read (22:11-13)?
3. What was God’s reaction to Josiah (22:19-20)?
4. What did Josiah do to reduce the enemy’s strongholds (23:1-6)?
5. What was the result of his actions (23:25)?

>> How can you remove the enemy from your life so that he cannot influence you?



God—Up Close and Pesonal
Lesson 12: My Battle