

**2 Chronicles 34:8-32** 

#### Josiah

- Josiah cleared away the pagan altars and began to repair the house of the Lord his God.
- During the repairs, Hilkiah found the book of the law of the Lord that had been given by Moses.
- When the book was brought to King Josiah, he read it.
- When Josiah finished reading the book, he tore his clothes in extreme distress.
- Josiah realized how far short he and his nation were from living according to the will of God.

### Huldah

- Josiah was not comfortable proceeding on his own without the advice of a spiritual advisor.
- There were two prophets working in the land at this time, a man named Jeremiah and a woman named Huldah.
- All we know about Huldah is that she was married to Shallum and lived in Jerusalem's New District.
- As the Kingdom of Judah was seeking a way forward in following God, they chose to go to Huldah for advice.

# Reputation

- Women were not called upon to do much of anything in the ancient world.
- A male prophet was available, but Josiah and his royal servants chose Huldah.
- Huldah had a great reputation in Jerusalem, as both a person and a prophet.
- Huldah had a clear connection with God, and people knew it.
- Huldah was not swayed by popular practice or urgings from neighbors or friends.
- Huldah was trustworthy.

## Compassion

- Not only was Huldah faithful and trustworthy; she was compassionate, too.
- Christians have a reputation for being judgmental and hypocritical.
- The result of such a reputation is that people think poorly of Christians, and God, too.
- We must be more like Huldah.
- We need to be people who are faithful to God in all things and not afraid to show it.

#### Conclusion

- If we don't share God with people, then who will?
- The world has forgotten Huldah, but she was as great as any apostle, prophet, or king because Huldah showed us God.
- Let's live our lives so that others see God's life in us and seek God because of us.