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**2 Chronicles 34:14-16** 15 Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan. 16 So Shaphan carried the book to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "All that was committed to your servants they are doing."



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**2 Chronicles 34:29-31** 30 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. 31 Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.



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**2 Chronicles 34:32-33** 32 And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33 Thus Josiah removed all the abominations from all the country that belonged to the children of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel diligently serve the Lord their God. All his days they did not depart from following the Lord God of their fathers.



# Introduction

Churches of Christ exist because of a plea to restore the church as it existed in the New Testament.

Does God want us to restore the NT church?

There are some important lessons to learn from these Old Testament events.

Notice 3 things:



# How was it lost?

- Moses commanded that it be read – Deuteronomy 31:24-26
- Parents were commanded to teach the law to their children – Deuteronomy 6:6-9
- During periods of idol worship – the Word of God was forgotten and ignored
- But this was a long time – over 75 years



# How was it lost?

- Compare with us – today
- Parable of lost coin – Luke 15:8-10
- The coin was lost - - -
  - In the house
  - In the dirt
  - In the dark
- **IS YOUR BIBLE LOST?**



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- It was lost in the House of God
- In Homes – not hearts
- In churches – not obeyed, followed
- In pulpits – not taught



# When it was found

- Hilkihah read it to Josiah (the king)
- Josiah gathered the people to hear the Word of God as it was read to them
- He challenged the people to make a covenant with God
- Purge land of idolatry, evil practices - - Return to doing right



# When it was found

- When Jehovah's people put aside the Bible – Apostasy results
- Don't lose the book.
  - Find it
  - Read it
  - Study it
  - Obey it

