



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 086 - Okay, He was Not Quite Perfect (2 Kings 18)

When Hezekiah became king he wasted no time restoring the temple. "In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them" (2 Chronicles 29:3). On the first day of that month he instructed the priests and Levites to cleanse the temple and carry out all the "... filth from the Holy Place" (2 Chronicles 29:5b). It took 16 days, but finally the temple was clean and ready for worshipping Yahweh again.

- How was this cleansing of the temple similar to Jesus cleansing the temple in John 2:13-17?
- What kinds of "filth" in our hearts and minds make us unfit temples for worship of God?
- How does God's Word, Baptism and Communion wash away this filth and make us clean and fit?

Hezekiah was forced to rely on the Lord alone when the Assyrian armies conquered Israel and swept south through Judah. Read Hezekiah's prayer in 2 Kings 19:14-19. He pleaded for God to save Jerusalem—not to save his own reputation, but so that "all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O LORD, are God alone."

- When someone you know faces challenging moments, how can you encourage them to believe God has not abandoned them?
- In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus directs us to pray "Hallowed be Your Name." Think of some impossible challenges you have faced and describe how God hallowed His Name by delivering you from them.
- What Bible promises do you find particularly comforting in such times?