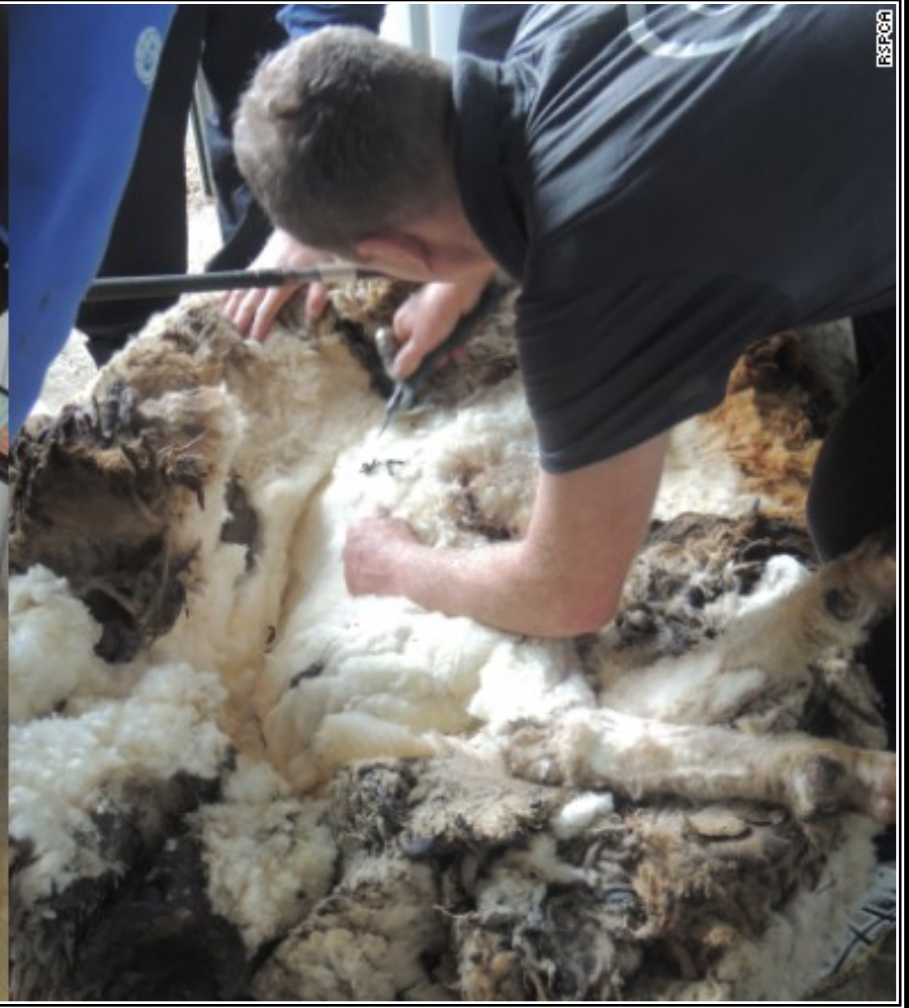


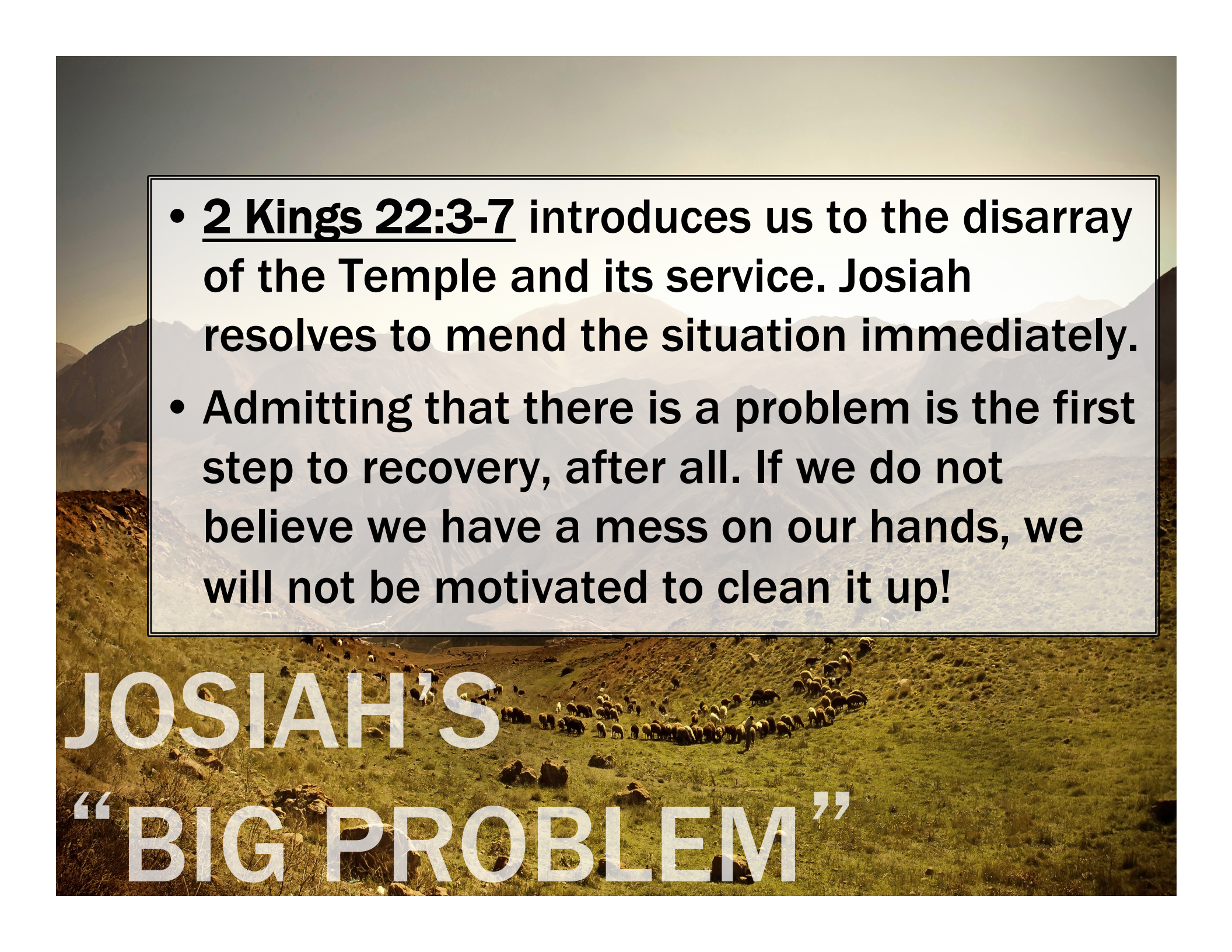


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PROBLEMS



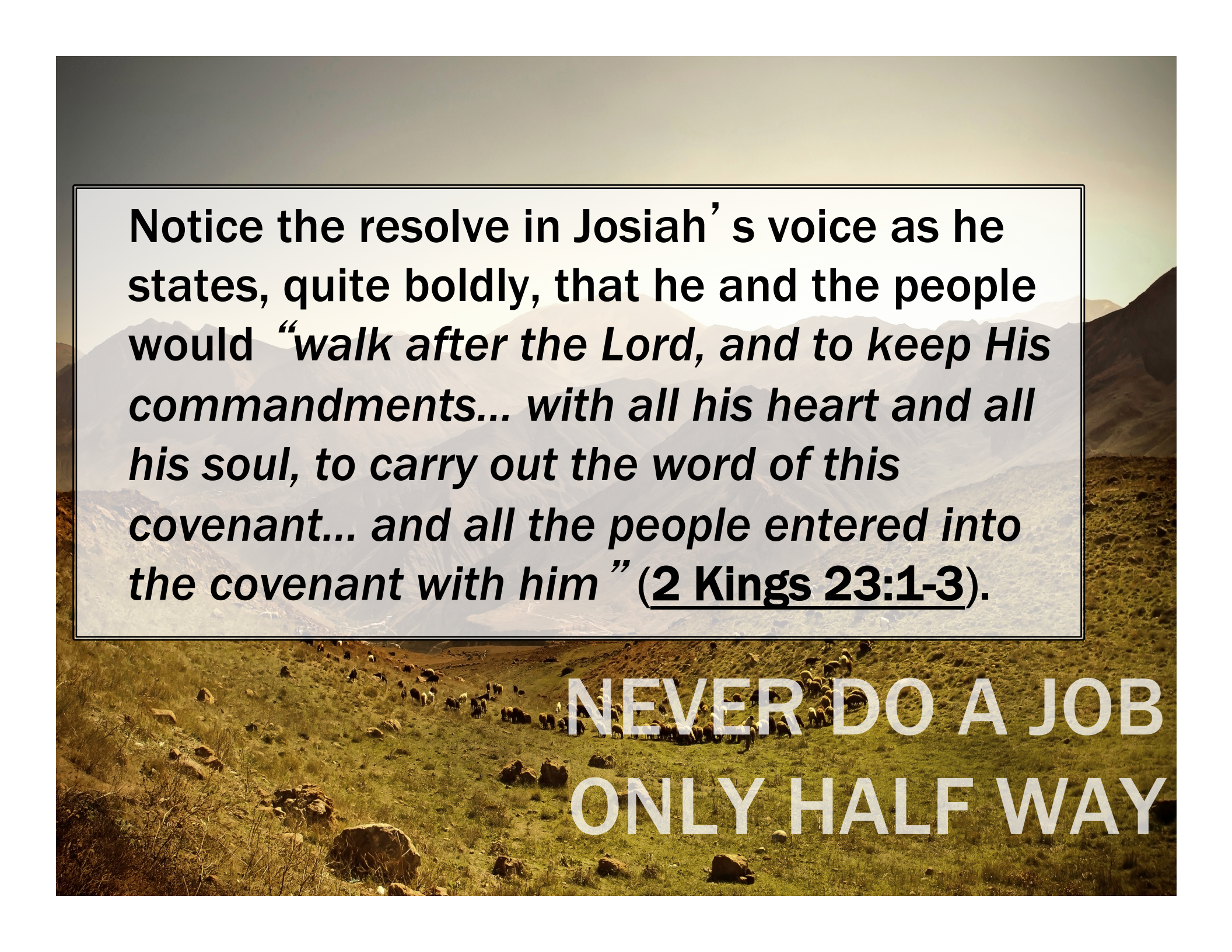


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- **2 Kings 22:3-7** introduces us to the disarray of the Temple and its service. Josiah resolves to mend the situation immediately.
 - Admitting that there is a problem is the first step to recovery, after all. If we do not believe we have a mess on our hands, we will not be motivated to clean it up!

JOSIAH'S “BIG PROBLEM”

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'LL FIND

- A thorough cleaning often reveals the hidden treasures which were actually there the entire time:
 - Relationships;
 - Positive attitude;
 - Romance;
 - Innocence;
 - A relationship with God;
 - Meaningful religious life;
 - A sense of usefulness.




Notice the resolve in Josiah's voice as he states, quite boldly, that he and the people would *“walk after the Lord, and to keep His commandments... with all his heart and all his soul, to carry out the word of this covenant... and all the people entered into the covenant with him”* (2 Kings 23:1-3).

**NEVER DO A JOB
ONLY HALF WAY**

TAKE STUFF TO THE DUMP

- One of the great problems in our society is hoarding. It is often for the best to just get rid of some things, taking them straight to the dump. There is a saying: “Never hold on to a problem just because you spent a lot of time making it.”
- 2 Kings 23:4-14
- What are some of the things we need to take to the dump?

A landscape photograph of a mountain range at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue. The mountains are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky. In the foreground, a herd of sheep is grazing on a grassy slope. The text "Big problems come because of small steps" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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