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going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle.

<sup>13</sup> I will stretch out over Jerusalem the measuring line used against Samaria and the plumb line used against the house of Ahab. I will wipe out Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.

<sup>14</sup> I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance and hand them over to their enemies. They will be looted and plundered by all their foes, <sup>15</sup> because they have done evil in my eyes and have provoked me to anger from the day their forefathers came out of Egypt until this day."

2 Kings 21: 16 Moreover, Manasseh also shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from end to end--besides the sin that he had caused Judah to commit, so that they did evil in the eyes of the LORD.

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2 Chronicles 33:10-20 The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention.

<sup>11</sup> So the LORD brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup> In his distress he sought the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

<sup>13</sup> And when he prayed to him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is God.

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Lamentations 1:1 How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave.

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## The Path to Real Life: Facing the Worst in Me

### What Should I Learn from 2 Kings?

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The spiritual climate of the nation determined its political and economic conditions.

2 Kings illustrates the lethal nature of the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in us and hopes we'll tremble before its power to ruin our life.

2 Kings illustrates the deceptive nature of evil. Evil hides itself and does its destructive work slowly, beneath the disguise of necessity, reasonableness, efficiency, pragmatism, even morality, even goodness.

### Naaman: Everyday Evil

2 Kings 5:11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.

<sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

<sup>13</sup> Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'"

<sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

<sup>15</sup> Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of

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*God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant."*

Evil is the rebelliously foolish conviction that without living for what \_\_\_\_\_, you can dance in the happy rhythm of life.

### **Israel: Determined to Have Their Way Evil**

*2 Kings 17:4 ... Shalmaneser seized him and put him in prison.<sup>5</sup>*

■ *The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years.<sup>6</sup> In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria.*

*2 Kings 17:7 All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They worshiped other gods<sup>8</sup> and followed the practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings of Israel had introduced.*

<sup>9</sup> *The Israelites secretly did things against the LORD their God that were not right. From watchtower to fortified city they built themselves high places in all their towns.*

■ *2 Kings 17:13 The LORD warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your fathers to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets."*

*2 Kings 17:14 But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the LORD their God.<sup>15</sup> They*

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*rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless.*

### **Judah: Self-Centered Hides Behind Religion Evil**

#### ● **King Joram:**

*2 Kings 8:16 In the fifth year of Joram son of Ahab king of Israel, when Jehoshaphat was king of Judah, Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat began his reign as king of Judah.*

<sup>17</sup> *He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years.<sup>18</sup> He walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done, for he married a daughter of Ahab. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD.*

■ <sup>19</sup> *Nevertheless, for the sake of his servant David, the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah. He had promised to maintain a lamp for David and his descendants forever.*

#### ● **King Manasseh:**

■ *2 Kings 21:2 He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. (4) He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my Name."*

*2 Kings 21:6 He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced sorcery and divination, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.*

■ *2 Kings 21:9 But the people did not listen. Manasseh led them astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the LORD had destroyed before the Israelites.*

*2 Kings 21:10 The LORD said through his servants the prophets:<sup>11</sup> "Manasseh king of Judah has committed these detestable sins. He has done more evil than the Amorites who preceded him and has led Judah into sin with his idols.*

<sup>12</sup> *Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I am*

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