

# A Lost Book

(2 Chronicles 34)

- Introduction:
1. Ills. of “Uncle Billy” who lost \$8,000.00 in the movie, “It’s A Wonderful Life.”
  2. It’s a terrible thing to lose something of great value.
  3. The Bible records for us an incident in the history of Israel wherein the Israelites lost something of great value - The Book of the Law!
  4. Let’s see if we can learn some lessons from this story that God chose to reveal for us.

## I. Background

- A. (1 Kings 13:1-2) Prophecy is made concerning a King by the name of Josiah would take the throne.
- B. 300 years later, this prophecy comes true (2 Chronicles 34:3-5).
- C. Israel has lived under wicked rulers for the past 57 years, and during this time, they had lost the book of the Law.
- D. However, with Josiah’s reforms, the book is found, read, and put into practice.

## II. Lessons We Can Learn

- A. While there has never been a time in the history of the world when more Bibles are so readily available to people, there is an ever growing ignorance of God’s word.
  1. Ills. Of Bible missing from the courtroom...putting hand on the head of a Christian.
  2. Ills. Of Christian lady who could not find a passage in her Bible.
- B. Ills. - Apollo 13 “Houston, we have a problem.”
- C. It’s possible we’ve lost the word of God through neglect.
  1. (Hebrews 5:12).
  2. Think of all the things we stay abreast on, yet are ignorant of the Bible.
- D. It’s possible that we’ve lost the word through traditions.
  1. (Matthew 15:6).
  2. We’ve always done it this way.
- E. It’s possible that we’ve lost the word through misplaced trust.
  1. (1 Kings 13:18).
  2. (1 John 4:1).
  3. (1 Timothy 4:1-2).

## III. Why We Need To Find The Book Of The Law

- A. It will give our lives stability (Luke 24:13-27).
- B. It will show us the way to Heaven (Psalm 119:105).

- Conclusion:
1. There is a direct connection between how much one loves God and how much one reads His word.
  2. Ignorance is no excuse (2 Chronicles 34:21; Acts 17:30-31).
  3. Which is worse, losing or not using the word of God (Luke 12:42-47)?