

THE HIGH COST OF TRYING TO SAVE YOUR SELF



II KINGS 25:1-7

I. Zedekiah had been told how to be saved (Jeremiah 21:8-9, 38:2).



- Why would the king choose rebellion instead of surrender?
- Why do we choose rebellion instead of surrender?

II. Zedekiah was afraid of the cost of obeying God (Jeremiah 38:17-20).



- What was the basis of Zedekiah's fear?
- What is the basis of our fears?
- What will help us to overcome worldly fears?

III. His attempts to save himself cost everyone in Jerusalem (II Kings 25:1-4a).



- Who all is affected by Zedekiah's decision not to submit to God's will?
- Who all is affected by our decision to not surrender to Christ?

IV. His attempts to save himself cost him his family (II Kings 25:4b-7).



- How horrible was blinded Zedekiah's sense of regret?
- What changes do we need to make to remove our regrets?

V. When we try to save ourselves, we also pay a high price (Matthew 16:24-25).



- Why is the temptation to try and save ourselves so strong?
- What good reasons do you have to lose your life for Jesus' sake?
- How are we going to do a better job of losing our lives for Jesus?

Call to Action: To completely surrender our minutes to Jesus each day.



- When have you chosen rebellion instead of surrender?
- What fears keep you from surrendering your time to Jesus?
- Who can be blessed by your surrender to Jesus?
- When should you not try to save yourself?
- What is your lack of devotion costing your loved ones?

-How can we help?