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### King Manasseh

Based on what I have read from 2Kings 21 Manasseh was an evil guy hence to him sacrificing his son and practicing necromancy he seemed like he knew he was pissing off the Lord. The Lord had no choice but to put his detestable sins to a stop. As it states "I am going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle". Not to say Manasseh was a bad a\*\* But come on, I mean the guy knew what it takes to anger the Lord and he chose to do just that knowing the consequences. Now onto 2Chronicles 33:1-20, Manasseh was just forgiven. Like all the mistakes and unnecessary harm, he had caused in Jerusalem.

After all the things that have not changed in either of the stories were that Manasseh sacrificed his children, and led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray to do more evil than the nations that The Lord has destroyed. He did the same evil and knew his actions would cause longer-term horrible outcomes. The things that were different were the outcomes of his misbehaving. King Manasseh in 2Kings 21 was taken care of aggressively, to where The Lord had to come out and show himself. Whereas in 2Chronicles 33:1-20, King Manasseh was shown some remorse. As if what he did before wasn't the same thing he was just doing. The Lord forgave him and turned the other cheek. Also, how can I forget about the other difference, it was the damn army! The commanders of the King of Assyria. The Lord ain't do that in 2Kings 21. Why does he need a different type of display of "The Lord is all the almighty wise one, and you are to worship and give thanks to him for what we have now"? Was it not clear enough for him to follow directions that the army had to be brought out like it was some mafia problem?

With all due respect to our Lord and Savior, We learned a valuable lesson from both stories although they may differ and also have similarities. We learn that there are always 2 paths to take in life and no matter if you take the same steps to get to where you're going you can keep trying as you learn. We may fail at times and it may take one longer than others but the outcome of what you chose to change is the reward. Manasseh learned his 2 paths. One path can have you lose everything that was handed to you within a blink of an eye. The second being you can have everything as long as you acknowledge your wrongdoings and seek forgiveness either from your lord or yourself. You can only thrive for greatness when your head is on straight.

At the end of 2Chronicles 33:1-20, 2Kings 21, we should do our best even when we're at our worst. What I think everyone including myself can learn from Manasseh is to be honest when we do something wrong but also follow specific directions, they are in place for a reason.