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Lesson: BACK TO THE BASICS, PART 2

And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. 9 For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. EZRA 9:8-9

1. RETURN TO WORSHIP

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, EZRA 1:1

A. Return to the Lord

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. JOHN 4:23-24



Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. PSALM 100:4

B. Return to His Word

Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. JOB 23:12

C. Return to your true identity

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: JOHN 1:12

2. RESTORE EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem. EZRA 1:5

A. Evangelism is the heart of God

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. LUKE 19:10

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ACTS 1:8

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. PSALM 126:5-6

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ROMANS 1:16

B. _____ reminds us that every believer is called to be a true follower of Jesus Christ

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 TIMOTHY 2:2

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. 1 CORINTHIANS 4:2

And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, MARK 3:14

"Being a disciple is not finishing *Continue;* it is continuing to be with Him!"

3. REBUILD _____

This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him. 10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. EZRA 7:6,10

A. _____

"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord,"

Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. 1 SAMUEL 12:24

В. _____

"And do it,"

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. PHILIPPIANS 4:9

C. _____

"And to teach in Israel statutes and judgements."

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, GALATIANS 4:19