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Something New, God's Plan

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Ezra 1:1-6

God purged His people of two things:

1. _____
✓ Elevating a leader above God
2. _____
✓ Worshiping people and things above God

Key Point 1: The Israelites were _____ the pagan people around them

Key Point 2: God _____ His people

Key Point 3: God will move in the _____ of His people

Key Point 4: God's touch for His people is marked by _____ and _____

Overall Theme: God has a _____ for our lives and His church

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What are some ways that you have seen the providential hand of God at work in your life?
3. Have you ever found yourself elevating a leader (or even another person) above God?
4. Idolatry is having an extreme admiration, love, or reverence (worship) for something or someone above the Lord. What are some examples of people or things that are placed above God? Do any of these examples apply to you?
5. So often we get in trouble by imitating the pagan practices of the world around us. Have you seen this to be true in your life? Explain
6. What are ways that God disciplines His people? What are some examples of how He has disciplined you? What are some reasons that God disciplines?
7. Why is it important to realize that God is more apt to move in the hearts of people rather than in their heads?
8. How has your faith and trust in the Lord increased because of the ways you have seen the hand of the Lord at work in your life?
9. Read Psalm 139. What do these verses say about how God knows us? What does verse 16 mean to you?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Ezra 1:1-6) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?