

**May 12, 2024**

*The Great Restoration: Part 1*

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**Ezra 7-8**

**Review**

Ezra 1: God has a plan for our lives and His church

Ezra 2: The work of God will be done by the people of God when they respond to the move of God in their hearts (Go, Give, Get involved)

Ezra 3: Keep Jesus the priority, through Him we have a connection with God

Ezra 4-6: Opposition will come, expect it

**Overall Theme**

Having the hand of the Lord upon us will help us enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

**The Hand of the Lord comes to us through:**

1. A deep \_\_\_\_\_ to Him
2. A deep \_\_\_\_\_ before Him
3. A willingness to step out in \_\_\_\_\_
4. A willingness to face \_\_\_\_\_ situations

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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 have been some of the key takeaways for you through our study in Ezra so far?
3. Looking back at Ezra 7-8, what were some examples of how the hand of the Lord was upon Ezra? Using that model, how have you seen the hand of the Lord upon you?
4. List some ways that we can prepare ourselves to receive the hand of the Lord. How can we be deeply devoted to Him?
5. C.S. Lewis once said, *"Make no mistake about it: pride is the great sin. It is the devil's most effective and destructive tool."* Why do people have such a difficult time with pride?
6. Have you found a way to help you guard against being prideful? If so, explain.
7. What are some reasons people struggle with stepping out in faith? Do you struggle in this area?
8. Ezra was willing to face difficult situations. Are you? Give an example, or two, of a time that God led you through a difficult situation?

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Ezra 7-8) 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?