

Rebuild: Ezra-Nehemiah
Part 3: Finishing the Temple | Ezra 5-6
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Trust that the Lord rebuilds us as his people, the church!

I. People Receiving God's Word – see Ezra 5:1-2.

Ezra 5:1 (ESV): *1 Now the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them. Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God that is in Jerusalem, and the prophets of God were with them, supporting them.*

Truth #1: The ministry of God's Word creates transformation of heart in God's people, the church. See Zechariah 1:2-3, Haggai 1:4-5.

II. People Obeying God – see Ezra 5:3-17 & 6:1-15.

Ezra 6:14 (ESV): *And the elders of the Jews built and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They finished their building by decree of the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes king of Persia.*

Truth #2: Obedience requires faith that the Lord will accomplish his will, no matter the outcome. See Luke 22:42, Matthew 7:21-23.

III. People Joyfully Consecrated – see Ezra 6:16-22.

Ezra 6:20-21 (ESV): *For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were clean. So they slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the returned exiles, for their fellow priests, and for themselves. It was eaten by the people of Israel who had returned from exile, and also by every one who had joined them and separated himself from the uncleanness of the peoples of the land to worship the Lord, the God of Israel.*

Truth #3: We can be joyfully consecrated to the Lord as we remember what he has done and will do. See Romans 5:8-10.

Life Application:

- 1) Get God's Word to reverberate in you, your church, and all around you.
- 2) Consecrate yourself to obey and serve Christ in this season that you face.