

**Ezra: Building a Faithful Life**  
***The Definer of Success***

Ezra 1:1-11

Sunday, October 16, 2022

**Who's Your One?** (praying, seeking, sharing, inviting)

Give an **invite card** - cards & tracts are in the foyer.

Success defined?

*"When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?"*

- Luke 18:8

*"Without faith it's impossible to please him."*

- Hebrews 11:6

*"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."*

- 1 Corinthians 4:2

**I. Regardless of how life \_\_\_\_\_, God can be \_\_\_\_\_ for He is always \_\_\_\_\_ (Ezra 1:1).**

More than the decree of a pagan king...

Jeremiah 25:1-12

The fall of Jerusalem, but the commitment of God!

\*What are you currently facing and how would it look if viewed from an eternal perspective with a God who is faithful to His word and His promises?

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God frees His children to live \_\_\_\_\_ right now (Ezra 1:2-4).**

Don't allow the unfaithfulness of others to prevent you from pursuing a life of faithfulness to the Lord and His work.

The "weight" of Cyrus' decree:

Vs. 4 – God's faithfulness brings God's provision.

God stirs but "we" falter...

Exodus

\*How might your life be different if you really trusted in God's provision to undergird His promises?

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is \_\_\_\_\_ as God's people are \_\_\_\_\_ (Ezra 1:5-7).**

"Then rose up..." (vs. 5).

Points of application:

1. If we fail to trust God, \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Faithfulness today looks similar to the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The men rose up and experienced the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Next Steps:**

1. If this is your first worship experience at HHBC, let us know and tell us how we can pray for you or answer any questions. Send us a message on Facebook or e-mail at [info@hhbc.org](mailto:info@hhbc.org).
2. How much do you know about the Gospel? Do you have questions about Christianity or your own spiritual condition? If so, please e-mail or call Pastor Gene this week (cell: 864.616.5899 or [gene@hhbc.org](mailto:gene@hhbc.org)).
3. Join us Wednesday @ 6:30 as we **Canvass** for the Oct. 21 **Movie Night!**
4. Join us Thursday at 7:00 AM for **Rush Hour Prayer**.