

Restoration: Is Your Name On The List

Ezra 2:1-5

In Ezra 2, God lets the Jewish exiles know that they were disciplined, but not destroyed. The people had been taken captive by Babylon and it started with a compromise, chasing worldly idols and disconnecting from God. Although a relationship still exists with God, he disciplines those he loves. We should be grateful when he corrects us and does not give up on us.

The leaders Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, and others survived like the rest of the people. Unfortunately, some priests' identity could not be verified, so they were excluded from serving as priests, since their names were not on the registry.

The interesting thing is not all of the Israelites returned to Jerusalem. A majority of them stayed in Babylon. They had become comfortable, and sometimes being comfortable can replace calling. Comfort keeps you captive, and you may have success without God and convenience without conviction.

When they returned to Jerusalem it was in rubble, but God not only restored it, but also her people. Only 42,000 returned, which was not the majority, but the majority is not always right. The remnant returns to God, leaves comfort, rebuilds faith, and answers the call. Are you part of the crowd or are you the remnant? Will you choose restoration?

There is a state of spiritual emergency and heaven is doing a roll call. Will your name be on the registry?