



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, August 9, 2026

Ezra 3:1-13 – Rebuilding Begins... With the House of the Lord

Despite their fear of those around them, the Israelites rebuilt the altar and laid the foundation for the temple.

Spiritual renewal and rebuilding require:

- Prioritizing worship, the house of the Lord, and fellowship
- Disciplined action
- Celebrating small beginnings and exercising faith

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by rebuilding the House of the Lord.

Because the Lord is your good shepherd; may you not want. May the Lord make you to lie down in green pastures. May he lead you beside still waters. May he restore your soul. May he lead you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, may you fear no evil; for the Lord is with you. May his rod and staff comfort you. May the Lord prepare a table before you in the presence of your enemies. May the Lord anoint your head with oil so that your cup runs over. May the Lord's goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life, and may you dwell in the House of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:1-6)

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to obey the Lord and fulfill his will despite our fears?
- Based on Psalm 51 and Romans 11:30-12:2, what is the sacrifice the Lord requires of us?
- How can we prioritize worship, the House of the Lord, and fellowship?
- What is the disciplined action you need to take in your life to worship and obey the Lord?
- Is there anything in your life that seems insignificant that the Lord may be working for his glory and your good?
- How can you discern the purpose and plan of God for your life?
- How are you exercising faith for the future?