



# REBUILDING

A STUDY IN EZRA & NEHEMIAH

A close-up photograph of a stone wall. The stones are dark grey and black, with a rough, textured surface. The wall is composed of irregularly shaped stones. At the bottom of the image, several stones are highlighted in a vibrant teal color, creating a decorative border.

# A PASSIONATE PICTURE OF REPENTANCE

**EZRA 9-10**



- **Ezra 1-6:** New Exodus, Plundering of Egypt, Numbering of the People, External Challenge

- **Ezra 7-10:** New Exodus, Plundering of Egypt, Numbering of People, Internal Challenge of Intermarriage

Ezra was wholly devoted to  
“**Study** the Law of the Lord, and to  
**do it** and to **teach** his statutes and  
rules in Israel”

Ezra 7:10





“Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible.”

Ephesians 5:11-13



## **Sin Exposed & Ezra's Response**

“When sin is exposed, you will run toward confession and forgiveness or self-righteousness and self-justification.”

Paul Tripp



“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!”

1 Corinthians 6:14-15





“The Israelites have done exactly what God told them not to do. They have no righteousness to plead, and they have no excuses to make; there is nothing they can say to defend themselves.”

James Hamilton



**“Punished us less than our iniquities deserve.” Ezra 9:13**

“Cause He is good and He is God  
what I earned is not what I got.  
And He is just yet also kind what I  
deserve it’s not what I find.”

God Is Love - Chris Renzema



“The LORD is slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love,  
forgiving iniquity and transgression.”

Numbers 14:18



“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9



# Great Habits to Adopt

1. **STUDY** God's Word and watch Him reveal Himself.
2. After studying, **ASK**, "Who am I in light of this?"
3. After that, **RESPOND** by asking, "What needs to change?"





**Ezra's Example  
and  
The People's  
Response**

“It was eaten by the people of Israel who had returned from exile, and also by everyone who had joined them and separated himself from the uncleanness of the peoples of the land to worship the Lord, the God of Israel.”

Ezra 6:21



“The wives who wished to renounce false worship and be faithful only to God would presumably be allowed to remain, maintaining families that worshipped and followed only God.”

Wallace Benn





**Ezra demonstrates a different kind of fasting,  
one of extreme repentance and sorrow.**

**FASTING**

*A hunger for God*



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