

Text: Ezra 5:1-17
Topics: Authority, Enemies, Obedience
Series: Courage to Trust God's Promises

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Time to Reassess?

I. The Response to God's Messengers (1-5)

The message...*rebuild!*

Three responses...

The Jews listened and obeyed.

The opposition challenged.

The Lord helped.

What has God been speaking to me about?

II. The Report Sent to the King (6-16)

The challenge...*a letter to the authorities.*

The answer...*God is our authority!*

The request...*check the records.*

God helps His people when they listen, obey, and apply themselves to His work.

The Lord's work:

Personal...new life!

Family...discipleship!

World...building His church!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Which have you found to be more common when you try to do what you believe God wants you to do - you experience more difficulties, or, you "prosper" in what you are doing? Can you give an example?
2. From John 10:24-30, what did Jesus say would set apart those who belong to him from those who don't?

From the two characteristics of those who belong to Jesus in verse 27:
Are you doing the first one? What are you hearing?

Are you doing the second one? Give an example(s).

What helps, and/or, what hindrances, are you experiencing?

3. Read John 14:21-24. How does Jesus distinguish those who love Him from those who don't really love Him? How does the Lord help those who are His?

What helps you to put into practice this input/output every day?

John continued this thought in John 15:10. Read John 15:1-11. What does Jesus want to see in the lives of His followers?

What are some of the areas you see this result in your life?

Can you see any areas that the result is missing? Explain.

4. From Matthew 16:18, what is the great work of Jesus today? In what way has He called you to join Him in it? What difficulties are you facing in this work?
5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?