

Text: Ezra 6:1-22

Topics: God's Provision, Hardships, Perseverance

Series: Courage to Trust God's Promises

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Need a Reset?

I. The Decree is Found (1-5)

God made provision for His people to accomplish His work.

God made provision for me to do His will!

II. The Enemy is Foiled (6-12)

God turned an attempt to hinder His people into help for His people!

I can trust God to help me with what hinders me from doing His will.

III. The Temple is Finished (13-22)

They rejoiced in God's help to accomplish His work.

There is great joy in experiencing God's help to accomplish His will.

God's will is my sanctification, which is that I walk with Him.

Do I need a reset?

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. If you could push a reset button to erase something in your life and start over, what would it be?

2. From each of the following verses in Ephesians, what is God's will for the believer? Ephesians 2:10; 4:1; 5:2; and 5:15.

Look at the verses around each of these verses. What provisions of God do you see to help the believer live out God's will in relation to that verse?

3. Read Colossians 1:9-14. What did Paul pray would characterize the lives of the believers in Colossae? What provisions of God's help are seen in this passage?

Which characteristic is most challenging for you to practice? What provision is, or would be, most helpful?

4. How does James encourage his readers to change their thinking about hardship and opposition in James 1:2-4, 12?

What encouraging truth in hardship does James remind his readers of in James 5:11?

Can you give an example of a hardship you have, or are facing, and how God has shown you His provision to help you?

5. What are the readers of 1 Corinthians 15:58 encouraged to do? What encouraging truth does Paul want them to remember?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?