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START WITH WORSHIP

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Chapter Three – START WITH WORSHIP

After many decades of suffering and waiting, God opened a door that no one can shut. It was the chance of a lifetime.

There was a passionate desire to return to the Promised Land and learn from past failures. After previous generations drifted from God and defied His Word, this was a new beginning. Going to Jerusalem included a deeper call to love God with all of their hearts. They rebuilt the temple together because restoration begins with worship. There were offerings to atone for sin. The people were united in honoring God. They acquired cedar logs from Lebanon, signaling a commitment to high-quality materials and devotion. The Levites were the supervisors of many projects, and dedication services were underway.

God is good, and His love endures forever.

God had reminded the faithful, even when the people were unfaithful. We worship God because He is faithful.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How can we guard and grow in unity to glorify God? ([Ezra 3:1](#))
2. Why did the people build an altar? ([Ezra 3:2-6](#))
3. Why is it important to give to the work of God's house? ([Ezra 3:7](#))
4. How can you serve your church family? ([Ezra 3:8-9](#))
5. Why is worship significant, and why are some people weeping? ([Ezra 3:10-13](#))
6. Who can you share this Scripture with during the upcoming week?