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MOVE WITH GOD

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Chapter Seven – DEVOTED TO GOD

Read [Ezra 7:1-28](#)

Ezra led a second wave of exiles to return to Jerusalem in 458 BC. Ezra was a priest who appreciated the new temple but observed that the people's hearts were not devoted to God. His emphasis is on character and honoring God. Ezra led by example as he studied Scripture, lived out God's Word, and taught others the Bible. A healthy walk with God includes knowing His Word, living it, and generously and intentionally paying it on to others.

It starts individually, then with families, then with the church, then with the city.

There was no motive for personal gain; Ezra wanted to be faithful to God and lead the people back to their Maker. Advancing God's cause requires courage and a counter-cultural mindset.

You have to want to honor God more than being liked or approved by people.

Ezra gives God all of the glory for every blessing and provision. Listen to God and how He wants to use you to reach your generation.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Who is Ezra, and why is his return to Jerusalem important? ([Ezra 7:1-7](#))
2. When have you seen God's gracious hand working in your life? ([Ezra 7:8-9](#))
3. What does it really mean to be devoted to God? ([Ezra 7:10](#))
4. What stands out to you about this letter? ([Ezra 7:11-20](#))
5. What are some ways that you can honor God? ([Ezra 7:21-28](#))
6. Who can you share this Scripture with during the upcoming week?

SERMON NOTES

God has prepared you for this moment.

Make it your goal to walk in the wisdom and will of God.

Take the next courageous step and gather people with a shared purpose and passion.