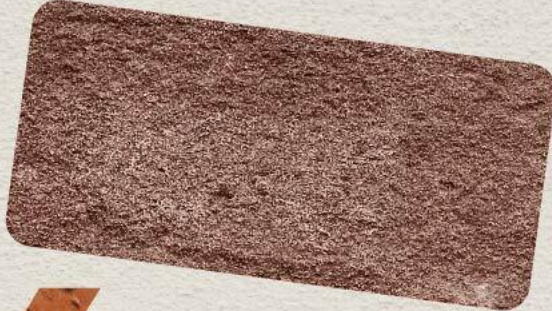


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Ezra 1-2	537 BC	Exiles return to Jerusalem
Ezra 3-6; Haggai 1	536-516 BC	The twenty-year process of rebuilding the Temple
Ezra 7-10	456 BC	Ezra arrives in Jerusalem; repentance

Ezra 7:1-10

- Ezra was a scribe who was skilled in the Law, followed the law, and went to Jerusalem to teach them the Scriptures.
- The four-month trip to Jerusalem: April 8 – August 4, 456 BC.

Ezra 7:11-28

King Artaxerxes blessed and commissioned Ezra to return to Jerusalem.

Ezra 8:1-14

A list of the people who returned to Jerusalem with Ezra.

Ezra 8:15-23

- Ezra: “Ooops...where are the Levites?”
- Ezra: “We should ask God for protection on our thousand-mile journey to Jerusalem.”

Ezra 8:24-36

- They arrive in Jerusalem; the newly-returned exiles offer sacrifices to God.

Ezra 9:1-36

There's trouble in the camp – and Ezra weeps, mourns, fasts, and prays.

Ezra 10:1-17

- Ezra's mourning spreads to the people, they confess their sins and determine to make things right.

All the people of Judah and Benjamin had gathered in Jerusalem. This took place on December 19, and all the people were sitting in the square before the Temple of God. They were trembling both because of the seriousness of the matter and because it was raining.

Ezra 10:9

Ezra 10:18-44

- A list of the men who had sinned by marrying foreign women.

Takeaways

1. Listen to good Bible teachers.
2. You're not the first person to forget something when you go on a trip!
3. Pray for safety before you leave on a trip.
4. Worship should be a priority.

Sin, remorse, confession, repentance

1. Do we feel remorse for our sin?
2. What about guilt? shame?
3. If we've been forgiven, do we still need to confess our sin?
4. How does God's love and grace speak to our sin, remorse, and guilt?
5. What motivates us to repent?

Dire circumstances motivate some people to repent (Luke 15:11-32).

God's kindness motivates some people to repent (Romans 2:4).

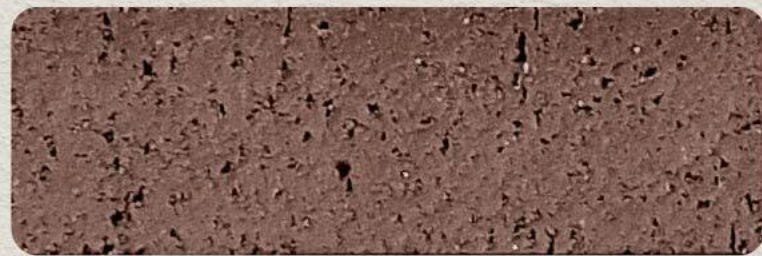
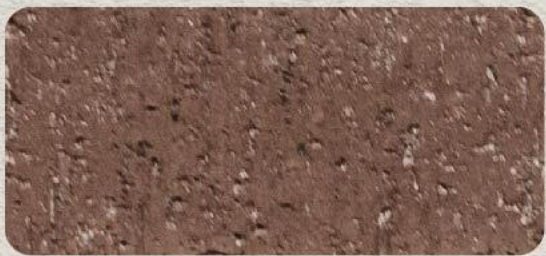
God's discipline motivates some people to repent (Revelation 3:19).

**Since you have been raised to a new life,
you can declare:**

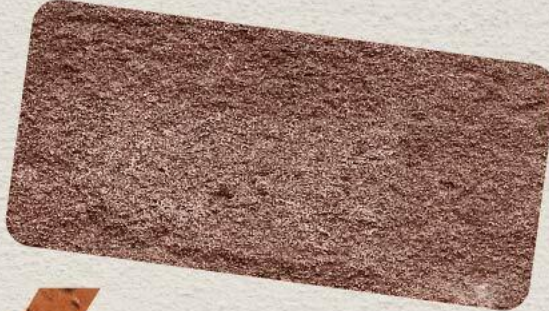
“I died to sin and I don’t need to live in it
any longer!” (Romans 6:6)

“Sin is not my master!” (6:14)

“I’m no longer a slave to sin – I am a slave
to righteousness!” (6:17-18)



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