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**Ezra 8**

**Big Idea: A Life Worthy of the Lord**

*This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.  
(Jeremiah 25:8-11)*

*This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.” (Jeremiah 29:4-14)*

**Living a Life Worthy of the Lord Point #1: When the Lord speaks to you, whether through His Word or through a person, is your response obedience?**

*Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake.  
(Romans 1:5)*

*The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.  
Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing!  
Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the articles of the Lord’s house. But you will not leave in haste or go in flight;  
for the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard. (Isaiah 52:10-12)*

*For their duty was to assist the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the Lord, having the care of the courts and the chambers, the cleansing of all that is holy, and any work for the service of the house of God. (1 Chronicles 23:28 ESV)*

## **Living a Life Worthy of the Lord Point #2: Be Holy. Have a plan to resist conformity.**

Holy - Being separated, happens when we become a believer. Part of our new identity.

We are now an instrument for the Lord. God now dwells in us

Purity - Is our day-to-day decisions to look more like Christ who is Holy.

## **Living a Life Worthy of the Lord Point #3: Die to Yourself.**

*Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."  
(Luke 9:23)*

*If you love me, keep my commands. (John 14:15)*

## **Live a Life Worthy of the Lord:**

- 1. Living in obedience to our God.**
- 2. Holy identity means pursuing purity.**
- 3. Denying ourselves.**