



August 9, 2020–Return Home To Joy
Ezra 6–Dan Reid

1. What does Biblical joy look like? Does it always mean happy? If not, how would you describe it?
2. What are the biggest joy inhibitors in your life?
3. Read verses 1-12. What evidence do you see of God’s providential care for His people in these verses?
4. How can we have joy because of God’s providential care even when we go through trials that make it seem that He does not care?
5. Read verses 13-15. How does God’s promise of completion help boost your joy in your present circumstances? (See Philippians 1:4-6)

6. Read verses 16-18. Why is there a correlation between our dedicated service to God and our joy? What does it mean that God feels joy when we serve?
7. Read verses 19-23. The Israelites worshiped and celebrated Passover and the Festival of the Unleavened Bread. Why were these events special to them?
8. What new perspective will help you personally to return home to joy?