

Sunday, 03-13-2022

**Freedom to Worship**  
**Bible Background: Ezra 5; 6:1-12; 10:1-5**  
**Devotional Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

1. How do you know when it's time to ask for help? (Ezra 8:22)
  - a. **In Focus (Page 317)**
  
2. What sorts of things keep people from following through on projects? Are they different or similar to things that keep people from obeying God? Why or why not? (1 Samuel 16:14; *Tuesday – Ezra 4:1-5*; Job 21:4; Revelation 3:16)
  - a. **Background (Page 320-321)**
  
3. What documentation methods do your church and local governments use to make sure they stand by previous decisions? (Isaiah 29:24; Matthew 7:28; Romans 16:17; 2 Timothy 3:16)
  - a. **Resurrected Decree (Page 321) – Ezra 6:1-4**
  
4. How has God protected you or a loved one in the past? (Deuteronomy 32:4; 1 Samuel 2:2; 1 Corinthians 10:4)
  - a. **Restored Protection (Page 321) – Ezra 6:5-7**
  
5. What resources are needed to accomplish the thing God has called you to do as a believer? What resources are needed to accomplish the mission of your local church? (Leviticus 27:32; Deuteronomy 12:11; 2 Chronicles 31:5; Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 6:12; 11:1)
  - a. **Renewed Resources (Page 321) – Ezra 6:8-12**
  
6. Who were the people who needed to authorize the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem? What would be supplied by the king to help the Temple be rebuilt? (**Ezra 6:1, 6, 8-9**)
  - a. **Search the Scriptures (Page 321)**
  
7. How can we resist temptation that distracts us from God's will? How can we work to follow through on what God has called us to do? (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2; 77:12; 95:8; Matthew 26:41; Luke 22:40; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 Timothy 4:15)
  - a. **Discuss the Meaning (Page 322)**
  
8. What are some obstacles that keep us from trying again if we haven't finished something? How can we overcome those obstacles? (Psalm 10:4; Proverbs 15:19; 16:18; 21:25; Matthew 25:26; James 3:8)
  - a. **Discuss the Meaning (Page 322)**
  
9. Is there anything that makes you feel restricted in your worship? How can you spend time with God alone and with others in ways that feel meaningful to you? (1 Samuel 15:25; Psalm 89:7; 111:1; Zephaniah 3:18; John 4:24)
  - a. **Application for Activation (Page 322)**