

No Matter How Small

Ezra 3:7-13

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We want 2015 to be a year of God moving in our lives and in our church. Today we are going to learn a few things about God being at work in the life of Israel as they are now back in Jerusalem after being in exile for 70 years.

God at Work...

1. Timing is often times UNKNOWN
They had to gather the supplies first
2. Begin with the FOUNDATION
 - A. The BASICS, what you did at first Rev. 2:4-5
No short cuts to a great relationship
 - B. Importance of the CHURCH BODY Eph. 4:15-16
We need each other!
3. Response to God moving
 - A. CELEBRATE also note 1Chron. 16:5-6, 2 Chron. 15:12-13
“He is good; His love to Israel endures forever”
 - B. WEEPING
The older priests and Levites had a different response. What were they doing?
 1. COMPARING with the past
 2. Put God on a spiritual SEISMOGRAPH
Grading God on amount of movement
 3. EXPECTATIONS not met

LESSONS TO LEARN

1. Don't put God on the CLOCK
2. Never ignore the BASICS in building the relationship
3. Stop COMPARING how God is working in others lives
4. Ask God to open your eyes to the ways He is at work and respond with praise...No matter how small
5. Be honest with self and if there is a need to make a change