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**Perspective: Looking
Back & A Challenge”**

Ezra 7-10

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The Person God Used 7:1-28

- 1) He readied himself
- 2) He relied on the Lord
- 3) He relished God’s Word
- 4) He revealed & related the Word to the people
- 5) He recognized God’s hand 7:11-28

The Process of the Journey

- 1) The People 8:1-14
- 2) The Preparations 8:15-30
- 3) The Path 8:31-32
- 4) The Priority 8:33-36

The Primary Problem 9:1-2

- 1) They people compromised
- 2) The leaders were complicit & chief offenders

The Powerful Prayer 9:3-15

- 1) He was sorrowful & shattered
- 2) He was shocked
- 3) His confession & repentance for himself and the people
- 4) His recognition
- 5) His request

The People's Pledge & the Proof 10:1-44

- 1) Their conduct caused this
- 2) They were challenged & convicted 10:1-4
- 3) They desired to change
- 4) Their commitment & compliance 10:5-8
- 5) The consequence & cleansing 10:16-19

Our Response:

- 1) Name some specific ways the Lord can use you like He used Ezra at Petal FBC & in your sphere of influence: your neighborhood, workplace, school, home, etc.
- 2) What does it mean God's hand was on Ezra & why is that important? Is God's hand on your life? Why or why not?
- 3) How do you really view God's Word? How do you rely on & apply it to your everyday life? Why is it so important to not just have more information, but life transformation?
- 4) How do you get to the place where your sin & the sin of others causes you to grieve & even have a hatred for it?
- 5) How & where are you easily tempted to compromise, be passive & even apathetic in your faith? What price have you seen when you did?
- 6) How will respond the challenge to be transformed this morning? What commitment do you need to make & what will be the proof that you followed through with it?