

# EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Part 2*

**EZRA 8:1-36**

# EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Foundations*

- God is faithful, no matter how dark and desperate our situation may be.



EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*



- God is faithful, no matter how dark and desperate our situation may be.
- God is sovereign and uses all things to accomplish His good purpose.

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

- God is faithful, no matter how dark and desperate our situation may be.
- God is sovereign and uses all things to accomplish His good purpose.
- Despite our foolishness and selfish tendencies, God is not through with us yet.

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

- God is faithful, no matter how dark and desperate our situation may be.
- God is sovereign and uses all things to accomplish His good purpose.
- Despite our foolishness and selfish tendencies, God is not through with us yet.
- God has a plan for salvation, and this is discovered in the hope of Israel's return to Jerusalem.

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

# EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Foundations*

Our conclusion of chapter 8 will stretch us to consider what it looks like when we go against “conventional wisdom” and step out in faith so that we can fully enjoy the supernatural work of our God.

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*



# EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Part 2*

**EZRA 8:1-36**

# EZRA 8:21

“Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.”

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

When we fast we are posturing ourselves towards God with a heart of humility and showcasing our true and total need of Him.



EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*



# EZRA 8:22

“For I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to protect us from the enemy on our way...”

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

Ezra was jealous for God's honor!

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

# EZRA 8:22

“...The hand of our God is favorably disposed to all those who seek Him, but His power and His anger are against all those who forsake Him.”

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

No matter how great the obstacle or odds, there's no better plan of action than bowing patiently and humbly before the Lord.

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

# MARTIN LUTHER

“As it is the business of tailors to make clothes and of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray.”

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*



# EZRA 8:32

“We came to Jerusalem...”



EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*



Faith and an urgency to pray.

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

But sometimes the most productive and daring thing we can do to see the work of the Lord accomplished, is to pray.

EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Pt. 2: EZRA 8:1-36*

# EZRA + NEHEMIAH

*Restoring Humility, Part 2*

**EZRA 8:1-36**