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## **COURAGEOUS WORSHIP** Ezra 1 - 3

How God's people come together when the world is falling apart

### **Courageous Availability** Ezra 1:5

*"Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites – everyone whose heart God had moved – prepared to go up and build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem."*

### **Courageous Dependency** Ezra 3:3

*"Despite their fear of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the Lord, both the morning and evening sacrifices."*

### **Courageous Expectancy** Ezra 3:10-11

*"When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel. With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord, 'He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.' And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid."*

### **Courageous Unity** Ezra 3:12-13

*"But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away."*



**About Today's Guest Speaker: Todd Proctor** is the Senior Director of Strategic Church Engagement on the Alpha USA Leadership Team. He was also the founder and senior pastor of Rock Harbor in Costa Mesa, and interim lead pastor of Coast Hills Church in Aliso Viejo. Follow Todd Proctor on Instagram: [@ctoddproctor](https://www.instagram.com/ctoddproctor)

# Digging Deeper

## EZRA 1 - 3

### 1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. *"Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."*

### 2 Read the Text: Ezra 3:10-13

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

### 3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Grief over the loss of the old intermingles with the joy of gaining something new. Ezra marks these seasons with worship and praise. Open your heart to the Lord and ask, "Lord, how can I take steps towards unity amongst my church family? What would look like?" Sit with this for a few minutes and let the Lord lead you.
- Where in your life do you need to thank God? What needs to be celebrated right now between you and Him? Express this to Him now.
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

### 4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

**Song Recommendation:** ["Beautiful Things" by Gungor](#)

### 5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

### 6 Blessing

*"May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. [Romans 15:5-6](#)"*

## NEXT STEPS

**Your Response Today:** Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “**Card**” to **970-00**

**Connect in a LifeGroup:** Grow in community together this fall with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group by filling out the Leader Interest Form at [calvarylife.org/groups](http://calvarylife.org/groups)

**Discover More:** Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at [CalvaryLife.org](http://CalvaryLife.org)

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## RESOURCES

**Worship Services:** Our Worship Services will be streamed live online from the Worship Center each Sunday at 9:30am in English and there is also a service streamed live from the Chapel in Spanish at 11:00am. Find ways to watch and resources for you and your family on our website at [calvarylife.org/live](http://calvarylife.org/live) We also have on-campus outdoor services now available. RSVP is required - learn more and sign up on our Church App. Find out more at [calvarylife.org/app](http://calvarylife.org/app)

**Family Activities:** Find ways to help your kids grow through fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at [calvarylife.org/town](http://calvarylife.org/town)

**Find Help or Give Help:** Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at [calvarylife.org/help](http://calvarylife.org/help)

**Ways to Give:** Please pray for those who are affected economically by this virus and for our church finances as well, that God would sustain and provide through this challenging season. Please consider mailing a donation to the church or you can give online simply and securely this week at [calvarylife.org/give](http://calvarylife.org/give)

**September Giving Update:** We are profoundly grateful for your faithful support and look forward to how God will use the generosity of our church family to make a difference for His kingdom locally and globally. After the first two months of our new fiscal year, which began July 1, Calvary’s general fund for Church Ministries is below budget by \$40,000 and the missions fund for Reach Ministries is ahead by \$12,000. Discover more at [calvarylife.org/udpate](http://calvarylife.org/udpate)

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## SONG LYRICS

**O Come to the Altar** Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye © 2015 Music by Elevation Worship Publishing CCLI License # 342334

Are you hurting and broken within Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling

**Chorus:** *O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling

**Bridge:** Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen

## What a Beautiful Name Ben Fielding | Brooke Ligertwood © 2016 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia CCLI License # 342334

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

**Chorus 1:** *What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus*

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

**Chorus 2:** *What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

**Bridge:** *You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names*

**Chorus 3:** *What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus*

## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Helen H. Lemmel | Justin Unger © Public Domain CCLI License # 342334

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth, Will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace

Turn my eyes upon You Lord, Bring clarity as I grow tired  
And restore the joy that I once held dear, And refine in my heart your desires

Turn our eyes upon You God, Bring hope to a world that's grown dim  
May Your light in our lives become strangely bright, As Your glory and grace enter in

## Great Are You Lord David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan ©2012 Integrity's Alleluia! Music CCLI License # 342334

You give life You are love, You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken, And great are You Lord

**Chorus:** *It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise to You only*

**Bridge:** *And all the earth will shout Your praise, Our hearts will cry these bones will sing, Great are You Lord*

## King of Kings Brooke Ligertwood | Jason Ingram | Scott Ligertwood © 2019 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia CCLI License # 342334

In the darkness we were waiting, Without hope without light,  
Till from Heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes,  
To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

**Chorus:** *Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one,  
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side,  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath,  
Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death,  
And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come, To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame,  
Now this Gospel truth of old, Shall not kneel shall not faint,  
By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me