

MESSAGE NOTES | FEBRUARY 24 2019



Starting Over
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CBE: p. 463 | NIV: p. 325

So how do you start over after months and years of exile...of blatant disobedience...of disappointment? Is it even possible to go back?

1. Make the decision to **return** to God and **act** upon it.
2. Pursue the **genuine worship** of God.
3. Rest upon the **authority** of the Word of God.
4. Recognize the ongoing **presence of God** in your life.
5. Refuse to neglect **your connection** with the people of God.
6. Remember your need for **ongoing repentance** before God.

THE ONE THING: **It's time to return.**

Miss something? Completed sermon notes are available online. Binders to organize your sermon notes are available at the upstairs Welcome Desk.

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize and live Ezra 7:10.
- Continue the CBE readings.
- Determine and act upon your return.
- Remember, practice precedes teaching.



Only two weeks to go in our journey to finish The Writings of the Old Testament! This week, we'll finish Chronicles and keep right on going into Ezra. Notice how the end of 2 Chronicles overlaps with the beginning of Ezra, focused on the experience of the returning exiles.

As we enter the home stretch, you may be thinking about how you'll continue to engage God's Word beyond this Community Bible Experience. Reading Scripture is just the first step...studying comes next! One resource we have for you is our video workshop "Studying the Bible Relationally" to help you dive deeper into Scripture as you continue the journey. It's designed for a group to do together and available on our website.

Now that you've *read* the Scripture, the next step is to study it...live its principles...love its Author more...love those He loves...share it.

Happy reading!

Source: "Invitation to Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah," p. 358.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Think of your weekly discussion group as more of a book club than a Bible study. All you have to do is share your responses to five simple questions:

1. What's something you noticed **for the first time**?
2. What **questions** did you have?
3. Was there anything that **bothered** you?
4. What did you learn about **loving God**?
5. What did you learn about **loving others**?

WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Forever](#)

[Even Louder](#)

[The Way](#)

[Build My Life](#)

[Is He Worthy](#)