

Restoring A Broken Relationship With God

REBUILDING THE TEMPLE

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Are You In Bondage To Your _____ ?

"I will take away your joy, your gladness, and your wedding feasts; your businesses shall fail, and all your homes shall lie in silent darkness."

Jeremiah 25:10 TLB

- Bondage Is Anything That Limits My _____, Robs Me Of Joy, Demoralizes My Spirit, And Creates With In Me A Defeatist Attitude

Do You Want To Stay In Bondage?

_____ to Go Back

"Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord **stirred up** [moved the heart NIV - prompted -GNB] the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia... 'The Lord, the God of heaven... **has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem**, which is in Judah.'" *Ezra 1:1,2 NASB (see also Ezra 1:1,5; 5:5; 7:6,9,28; 8:18,22,31)*

- How can I reestablish a relationship with God if I have lost the _____ to do so?

Putting Back the _____ *Ezra 1:7-11*

"Cyrus **gave** them back the bowls and cups that King Nebuchadnezzar had **taken from the Temple** in Jerusalem..." *Ezra 1:7GNB*

The Instruments of Our Worship

- The _____ of Jesus Christ
- The _____ of the Word of God

- A Heart Desire to be _____ to God

Go Back _____ People

"The people assembled **as one man** in Jerusalem." *Ezra 3:1 NIV*

_____ Can Not Be Restored With Only "Some or Just One"

A Group of People Who Have _____ under the Authority of Jesus Christ to Accomplish the Purpose of God Can Not Be Stopped

- Some people will try to _____
- Expect _____

Rebuild the _____ *Ezra 3:2*

An Altar Is a Specific _____ Where I Meet Regularly with God

1. It is a _____
2. It is a place of _____
 - I offer _____ *Romans 12:1*
 - The sacrifice is of thanksgiving and a broken spirit *Psalms 50:23; 51:17*

When my altar has been destroyed, I lose that specific point of reference with God

How Do I Rebuild the Altar of God in My life Again?

1. I bring back the _____
2. I _____ the acts of sin in my life
3. I offer up a holy and living sacrifice: _____