

EZRA

Covenant Renewal

Ezra's Serenity Prayer

INTRO: *Ezra prepared to lead a second group of Babylonian exiles to Jerusalem. The 4-month journey would be extremely challenging. How much of the success depended upon **him** and how much depended on **God**?*

- I. Following God on _____ often puts Believers in very _____ situations (8:1-15).** *Beyond the Great Commission, Believers may face many challenging situations.*
- II. Challenging _____ can elicit extreme responses in Believers: 1) _____ about things over which you have no _____ or 2) _____ God for things that require your _____.** *How should we respond?*
- III. _____ on God's challenging mission as if _____ depended *entirely* on _____ but trust _____ for what you can't _____, as well as the _____ (8:16-36).** *There are four specific applications.*
- A.** _____.
God always provides the resources the Missions He calls.
- B.** _____.
Fasting facilitates (not manipulates) our prayer.
- C.** _____.
Others may have expertise/talents you lack.
- D.** _____.
Celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness.