

Questions for Reflection:

1. What stood out to you from the sermon today?
2. In what ways has your life been disrupted in the last two years? What have been the most difficult changes? What changes are clearly for the better?
3. What do you long for from the past?
4. In what ways can you see God moving right now? Is it hard or easy for you to see?
5. What good might come from the disruption of the past few years?



Thriving through Disruption

“God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

The Bible is the story of God going ahead of his people to bring something _____ and _____ out of the old.

Scripture: Ezra 3

Setting:

- The northern kingdom was conquered by _____ in 622 BC.
- The southern kingdom was taken into exile in _____ in 586 BC and Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed.

The _____ caused them to rethink their identity.

Coming Up:

Feb 28-Mar 6: Luke 10:25-37

Mar 7-13: Luke 11:37-54

Mar 14-20: Luke 13:22-30

Mar 21-27: Luke 17:11-19

Mar 28-Apr 3: Luke 18:18-30

Apr 4-10: Luke 19:28-48

The core message of the prophets was “No matter your situation _____ is still there.”

- The _____ soon replaced the Babylonians and allowed the Jewish people to return home.
- The books of Ezra and Nehemiah were written during the transition.

Back in Jerusalem:

Once the people settled in, they restarted the engine of _____

...then they started working on the _____ foundation.

The completion of the foundation prompted a great _____ service!

“But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads who had seen the former temple, _____ aloud...” (vs 12)

Their response is _____.

- We are _____ creatures.
- Life _____.
- We often think the _____ days were the _____ days.

The new Temple proved God had not _____ them!

The Prophet Haggai was there:

“But now, be _____...for I am _____ you!” (Haggai 2:4)

“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,” (Haggai 2:9)

“We can never do what God is calling us to do when we long for the _____ rather the _____ of God.” -Larry Osborne

Two Convictions:

1. Things are _____ going back to the way they were.
2. Wherever the future leads, _____ will be there.

What we need to thrive through disruption:

1. An undying _____ in God’s presence.
2. A _____ to prayer.
3. A _____ heart.
4. A _____ spirit.
5. A _____ of people.

We don’t have to be afraid of the _____ because we know that wherever the world takes us, God will be there