



STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

EZRA 4:23-5:2

Throughout the Bible, men are repeatedly assigned the role of spiritual leadership in the home and in the church (1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 3:1-13). Unfortunately, ever since Adam failed to intervene when Eve ate the forbidden fruit, men have failed to fulfill their God-given responsibility. So, for the month of June we're going to engage in a series of lessons specifically directed toward men that is intended to remind us of our God-given responsibilities to lead and will hopefully challenge us to do so.

Cyrus allowed the exiles to return to Jerusalem “in the first year” (Ezra 1:1) of his reign, which would have been 538 B.C. Construction on the temple officially began “in the second year...in the second month” (Ezra 3:8) of his reign, which would have been in 536 B.C. Opposition arose after the completion of the temple’s foundation, causing the work to be shut down “until the second year of the reign of Darius” (Ezra 4:24). Darius’ reign began in 522 B.C., which means construction on the temple did not resume until 520 B.C. That means 16 years passed in which no work was done on the temple.

HOW DID THE RETURNEES DEMONSTRATE INTEGRITY?

1. THE RETURNEES SHOWED INTEGRITY BY ACCEPTING _____.
(Ezra 5:1-2; Zechariah 1:15-17; Haggai 1:4, 7-9; Galatians 6:1; James 5:19; Romans 15:14)

2. THE RETURNEES SHOWED INTEGRITY BY COOPERATING WITH _____.
(Ezra 5:3-4; 1 Peter 2:13; Acts 5:29)

3. THE RETURNEES SHOWED INTEGRITY BY VIEWING THEMSELVES _____.
(Ezra 5:11-12; Matthew 7:3-5; 1 John 1:8-10)



MY WORSHIP NOTES

Listen and write down notes from today's singing and sermon!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle One: **Sunday** **Wednesday** Circle One: **Morning** **Evening**

**LIST THE SONGS
THAT WE SANG:**



WHAT SCRIPTURE WAS READ? _____

WHAT WAS THE SERMON TITLE? _____



MAKE A MARK FOR EACH TIME YOU HEAR THESE WORDS IN THE SERMON:

GOD	JESUS	EZRA	INTEGRITY
CORRECTION	SUBJECT	ADMIT	

**WRITE DOWN THE BIBLE
VERSES THAT WERE
USED IN THE SERMON:**

DRAW A PICTURE BASED ON TODAY'S LESSON