

## Lessons From A Season of Change About An Unchanging God

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### INTRODUCTION

After nearly 70 years of being exiled from Jerusalem, God brings a remnant of the people back for rebuilding. They would not just be rebuilding the Temple but also the community of God's people that would dwell there again. After a long season of feeling stuck, lost, and maybe forgotten, they were hearing directly from the Lord about His desire to restore and bless their future. While we are not the Israelites during that time, there are some unchanging truths about what God taught through the prophet Zechariah that can provide the knowledge of encouragement that we need to step into a new season of life.

### REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

Take time to read Zechariah 7:11-14

1. Why did the previous generations experience exile?
2. What is the value of learning from those who have gone before us?
3. How has God grown you by looking at the lessons of your past?

Read Zechariah 8

1. How many times does Zechariah speak on behalf of the Lord?
2. Why is it important that he began much of what he said with "this is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says"?

3. How does the Lord encourage them?

4. How does the Lord teach them?

5. How does the Lord challenge them?

6. What responsibilities does God take ownership of?

7. What responsibilities does God give the people?

### **PERSONAL EVALUATION**

1. Is there something the Lord is leading you to that fear or something else is keeping you away from experiencing?

### **MEMORY VERSE**

“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: All this may seem impossible to you now, a small remnant of God’s people. But is it impossible for me? says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.”

Zechariah 8:6