WEEK 7 THE HABIT OF LEARNING

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This Ezra came up from Babylon; and he was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given. The king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him. [7] Some of the children of Israel, the priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. [8] And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. [9] On the first day of the first month he began his journey from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. [10] For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel. **Ezra 7:6-10 (NKJV)**

EZRA AND RANDOM VS DELIBERATE LIVING

RANDOM--WHATEVER

TAKE IT AS IT COMES REACTIVE NO VISION

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law. **Proverbs 29:18**

DELIBERATE—INTENTIONAL

BY DESIGN AND DIRECTION STUDIED – CALCULATED PURPOSED PROACTIVE

EZRA WAS BORN IN BABYLON HE HAD LEARNED FROM THE WRITINGS MADE AVAILABLE

For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. **Jeremiah 29:10 (NKJV)**

HE KNEW THERE WOULD BE A RETURN LEADERS ARE PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

LIKE NEHEMIAH, HE HAD HEARD REPORTS OF JERUSALEM

WHAT WE HAVE RECORDED HERE IS THE SECOND GROUP OF PEOPLE RETURNING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF EZRA

W**HAT KIND OF MAN WAS EZRA?**

HE WAS SKILLED IN THE LAW AND WORD OF GOD—HE KNEW THE TRUTH AND APPLIED IT

HE WAS BOLD TO APPROACH THE KING WITH HIS REQUEST

HE WAS IN TUNE WITH GOD TO DISCERN GOD'S URGING TO LEAD A GROUP BACK TO JERUSALEM

HE WAS DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT HIS PURPOSE

HE HAD CLARITY AND DIRECTION

HE DID NOT LIVE RANDOMLY HE DID LIVE DELIBERATELY ON PURPOSE

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to me. **Colossians 3:23 (NKJV)**

HERE IS THE WHY AND THE WHAT FOR—HE WAS THIS WAY BECAUSE (VERSE 10)

DETERMINED TO SEEK GOD'S TRUTH

DETERMINED TO LIVE GOD'S TRUTH

DETERMINED TO TEACH GOD'S TRUTH

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