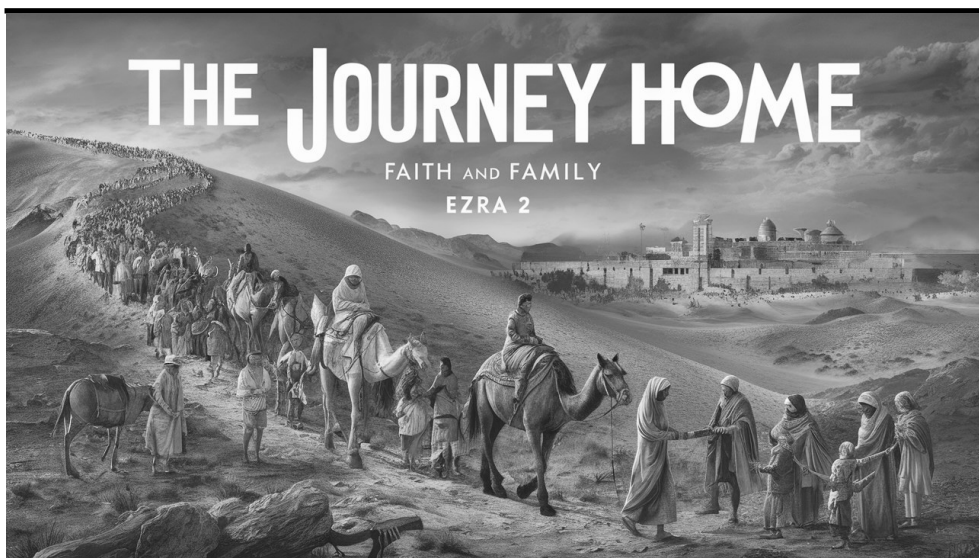


# The Journey Home: Faith and Family

July 28, 2024 | *Ezra 2*



## Observations from Ezra 2 :

- Over **40,000** men, representing 120,000 - 200,000 people. (*Assuming 3-5 family size*)
- Journey of more than **500** miles from Babylonia to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.
- They brought **5400** vessels with them

## Lessons from Ezra 2:

### **God's Faithfulness**

- God is faithful to fulfill His promises.  
He gives all of us a second chance to be saved through faith.
- **Reference Verses:** *Lamentations 3:22-23, 1 Corinthians 1:9, 2 Timothy 2:13*

### **The Power of Family and Community**

- The strength (unity) of family and community is essential in fulfilling God's purposes.
- **Reference Verses:** *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42*

### **The Importance of Recordkeeping**

- Detailed records in Scripture showcase

the significance of each individual to God.

- **Reference Verses:** *Revelation 20:12, Philippians 4:3, Daniel 12:1*

### **Responding to God's Call**

- It is critical for us to respond to God's call for our lives for restoration, renewal, and revival to occur.
- **Reference Verses:** *Isaiah 6:8, Romans 8:28, Matthew 4:19*

### **The Power of Community Generosity**

- Give generously according to your ability of your time, talent and treasure. This can greatly advance God's work.
- **Reference Verses:** *2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Luke 6:38, Proverbs 11:25*

Ontario Community Church: **Encouraging, Equipping and Engaging lives for Christ.**

John 6:47 (ESV) "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **believes** has eternal life"

