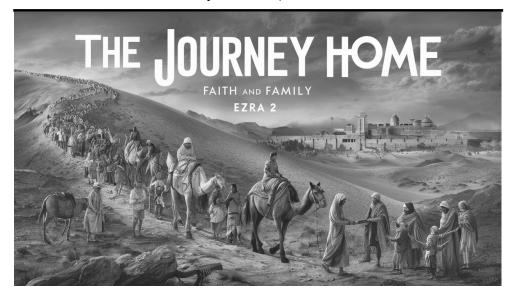
The Journey Home: Faith and Family

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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 (<u>unity</u>) 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"

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What action steps can I take? (Application)

Trust in God's Faithfulness

- As God was faithful to His people, He is faithful to believers.
- Reference Verses: Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 37:5, Isaiah 26:3

Become Part of a Spiritual Community

- Join the local church, a spiritual community, a family to journey together in faith.
- Reference Verses: Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 12:27

Realize Your Value to God

- You are valuable to God. You are made in His image. You are loved by Jesus Christ.
- Reference Verses: Psalm 139:13-14, Jeremiah 1:5, Matthew 10:30-31

Practice Generosity

- Give <u>according to **your** ability</u> of your **time**, **talent**, and **treasure**.
- Reference Verses: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Luke 6:38, Proverbs 11:25

Begin on a Spiritual Journey in Christ

- Begin today on your spiritual journey in Christ through learning and growing in Him.
- Reference Verses: Colossians 2:6-7, Philippians 3:12-14, Hebrews 12:1-2

Leave a Legacy

- Leave an everlasting legacy in Christ with your name written in the Book of Life through faith in Christ.
- Reference Verses: Revelation 20:12, Revelation 20:15, Revelation 21:27, Revelation 3:5, Philippians 4:3, Daniel 12:1, Luke 10:20

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