



**Come to the Light. John 8:12**

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## **Changing Worlds – Part 3**

Ezra 1:5-11

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*“If God doesn’t rule your mundane, then he doesn’t rule your life” - Paul David Tripp*

Goal: Seeing God powerfully act through what appears to be mundane

Three kinds of people

1. Believers (v. 5)
  - a. On the surface, God’s people respond to a king’s order
  - b. Beneath the surface, God’s people respond to God’s stirring
2. Unbelievers (v. 6)
  - a. On the surface, unbelievers were helping a cause
  - b. Beneath the surface, unbelievers were redeeming God’s people
3. Cyrus (vv. 7-11)
  - a. On the surface, King Cyrus was giving back what had been stolen
  - b. Beneath the surface, King Cyrus was reconciling blasphemy
  - c. Beneath the surface, King Cyrus was singing “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Take-Home Points

1. “If God doesn’t rule your mundane, then he doesn’t rule your life” (Tripp). Does God rule every area of your life?
2. Ask the LORD to expose what you are dismissing in your life as unimportant which to God is very important.
3. Ask the LORD for eyes of faith to see the people He is stirring that you are missing. In your life, family, church, relationships.
4. Remember God’s precise accounting of you and His commitment to you as His temple vessels.