

## When we respond to God at work

Ezra 1:5-2:70

I. Every heart – God moved individually in the hearts of those who left Persia to return to Israel (Ezra 1:5-11).

A. God moved in family heads to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the destroyed temple (1:5).

B. God moved in neighbors who gave gifts to support those who went to Jerusalem (1:6).

C. God moved in King Cyrus who gave back the temple articles taken by Nebuchadnezzar (1:7-11; see 1:1).

II. Every commitment – God's word records who responded to rebuild the temple (Ezra 2:1-67).

- God knows every sacrificial commitment of time and effort we make to serve Him.

III. Every financial gift – God's word records the amount given by those who went (Ezra 2:68-70).

- God knows every financial sacrifice we make to honor him and accomplish his eternal purposes.