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Call Study – Jason Park

*Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you.* **Zech. 1:3**

 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo: **2**“The Lord was very angry with your ancestors. **3**Therefore tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you, ’says the Lord Almighty. **4**Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord. **5**Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever? **6**But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors? **Zech. 1:1-6**

**CALL TO REPENT**

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Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, **Acts. 3:19**

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. **Is. 59:2**

What are things that hinder our relationship with God?

**CONNECT WITH GOD**

7This is what the Lord Almighty says: “I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. 8I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God.” **Zech. 8:8**

9Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. 10I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. **Is 46:9-10**

7Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **James 4:7-8**

Our connection with God reflects our view of His sovereignty. How do you keep the proper perspective?

**CALL FOR TRANSFORMATION**

3Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. 4The angel said to those who were standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes.” Then he said to Joshua, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you.” **Zech. 3:3-4**

10Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. **Ps. 51:10-12**

18And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. **2. Cor. 3:18**

Describe your life if it was COMPLETELY transformed.

What is keeping you from living a transformed life?

**HOW DO I REPENT, CONNECT, AND TRANSFORM?**

**FOLLOW JESUS**

24-26Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. “Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You’re not in the driver’s seat; *I* am. Don’t run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for? 27-28“Don’t be in such a hurry to go into business for yourself. Before you know it the Son of Man will arrive with all the splendor of his Father, accompanied by an army of angels. You’ll get everything you have coming to you, a personal gift. This isn’t pie in the sky by and by. Some of you standing here are going to see it take place, see the Son of Man in kingdom glory.” **Matt. 16:24-26**

**CHRONOLOGICAL READING PLAN FOR AUGUST**

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219. Jeremiah 1-3 220. Jeremiah 4-6 221. Jeremiah 7-9 222. Jeremiah 10-13 223. Jeremiah 14-17 224. Jeremiah 18-22
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