

Ezra 5:1-17

*Ezra 5 records a revival that led to the rapid completion of the temple. It was neglected for sixteen years. Have you ever been in a rut for 16 years? You had a way of living you got used to... in your church life there were comfortable well worn patterns you had got used to... And in your marriage, your work and in raising your kids. Can a church change? Can people change? Is there hope for culture change in a church? How about Hope Baptist? There is only one way, and Ezra reveals it here.*

I. How the revival begins and is sustained, v1-2

II. How the opposition returned , v3

III. How the eye of the Lord was upon them, v5

IV. How the authorities report their observations to Darius in a letter, v6-17

*The Pattern*

*The Diligence*

*The Success*

*The Testifying*

*Key words for children to listen for: get out of a rut, opposition, God's presence through His Word, preaching produces repentance, so real and so helpful, working, eye of the Lord, diligence, success, making dinner, cleaning room*