



# **- returning exiles -**

## **the intention was good (vv.7-11a)**

- the resources (v.7)
- the timing (v.8)
- the backdrop (vv.9-11a)

## **the emotion was skewed (vv.11b-13)**

- rejoicing
- remembering

**Ezra 3.7-13**

*“come let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return”*