

Zechariah 1:1-6; 3:1-4, 8-9; 4:4-6; 9:9-12; 14:9

Series – Whispers of Hope: Listening to the Minor Prophets

Message – Zecharia

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- The name Zechariah means “\_\_\_\_\_.” God’s message to his people through Zechariah is to remember the past and to remember God’s promises.

#### **Connecting to Our Experience**

- The people in Zechariah’s day had stepped out in faith but then \_\_\_\_\_ out in obedience.

#### **Looking Back to Move Forward**

- Zechariah 1:2-5
- “\_\_\_\_\_ to me, and I will return to you” (Zech. 1:3).
- The wise \_\_\_\_\_ correction and learn from the past.
- The foolish \_\_\_\_\_ correction and do not learn from the past.

#### **Jesus Has Dealt with Our Past**

- Zechariah 3:8-9
- The Greek word \_\_\_\_\_ means, “It is finished.”
- “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

#### **Jesus Holds Our Future**

- Zechariah 9:9-11
- As Christians, we only begin to fear when we \_\_\_\_\_ that “It is finished.”
- 1 John 4:18
- God’s love is the \_\_\_\_\_ to fear.
- Zechariah 4:6
- Ephesians 1:14
- Zechariah 14:9

#### **Reflection Questions**

1. Share a time when you felt like you started strong and then stalled out.
2. How would you rate your spiritual life now on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being “Broken down on the side of the road” and 10 being “Running strong and perfectly tuned”?
3. How do you receive correction? What opportunities for growth do you sense in yourself in this area?
4. What struck you most in the sections about Jesus dealing with our past and holding our future? Why?
5. Where in your life might you return to the Lord with renewed intentionality?
6. How is God getting your attention?
7. What might God be saying to you?
8. What are you going to do about it?