

# Here For It

## How to Reconstruct Faith

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You may find yourself in the midst of questions, doubts, or deconstruction. How do you reconstruct your faith from here?

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### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- How do I reconstruct my faith from where I am now?
  - Even though the people were afraid of the local residents, they rebuilt the altar at its old site. Then they began to sacrifice burnt offerings on the altar to the Lord each morning and evening. | Ezra 3, v.3 (NLT)
  - They celebrated the Festival of Shelters as prescribed in the Law, sacrificing the number of burnt offerings specified for each day of the festival. | Ezra 3, v.4 (NLT)
  - They also offered the regular burnt offerings and the offerings required for the new moon celebrations and the annual festivals as prescribed by the Lord. | Ezra 3, v.5 (NLT)
  - We can learn three things from this passage in Ezra for how to rebuild our faith.
  - Commit to reconstruction.
  - It won't be easy. There will be obstacles to overcome. Regardless, it will be worth it to rebuild and reconstruct.
  - Correct reconstruction.
  - There are ingredients that help us rebuild with a firm foundation—focusing on God and Jesus, having humility, seeking community and direction.
  - Choose reconstruction.
  - Choose to pursue faith and relationship with Jesus.
  - Faith is worth it. Jesus is worth it.
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Reconstruction is a process that may take time and have its challenges, but is worth it. What are some examples you have from your life where this is also true—something that took time, had its challenges, but ended up being so worth it?
2. Reconstruction is about *building*—building on something, and building toward something. For you, what is the foundation you have to build faith on?
3. What do you want to build toward in your faith—what do you hope you can say about it in ten years? What do you hope it looks like?
4. Is there anyone you know who provides inspiration or even a model for how you'd like to build your faith? What about them is helpful to you in your faith journey?