

Series: The Power of a Fresh Start Passage: 2 Chronicles 29 and 30 Title: Putting Jesus First in Daily Life Speaker: Pastor David Menard, 1/5/2025

**Discussion Starter** –How does God want to use your life this year? What needs do you see around you? Who can you build up in their faith? What have you learned about God over the past year? How has God changed your life over the past year?

## Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- 1. What are the characteristics of the temple in the Old Testament? In what way is your body the temple of the Holy Spirit? What exchange was made that made you a temple?
- 2. What is God's claim on your life? What is your reasonable service? (Read Romans 12:1-2)
  - a. How do you feel when faced with Paul's statement that "your life is not your own"? Does a life glorifying to God seem burdensome to you or freeing? Why?

## Read 2 Chronicles 28:22-24 and 29:3-9

- 3. Ahaz was in distress; how did he react? What might have been a faith-based response by Ahaz? Why is the response of faith sometimes a difficult choice/
- 4. What drastic changes did Hezekiah initiate? When did Hezekiah make those changes?
  - b. Notice that cleaning out rubbish is a significant task in sanctifying the temple. What rubbish have you accumulated in your life recently? How can you dispose of it?

## Read 2 Chronicles 29:26-29

- 5. Describe the relationship between confession, repentance, and worship in these verses? Why is worship so closely linked to repentance?
- 6. How long did it take for Israel to fall into the degradation of Ahaz? How long was required for the repentance of Hezekiah?
  - c. Without attention and disciplines we are subject to spiritual entropy. Unfortunately, not only do we suffer the consequences, but also the work of the kingdom of God and the building of others is set back while we accumulate rubbish in our lives. Where is God calling you to serve in 2025? What people can you build and encourage in their faith?

## Read Hebrews 10:23-25

- 7. Why do we worship Jesus?
- 8. Why is corporate worship and face to face fellowship with other believers critical to our spiritual walk?
- 9. What was the experience of the people after they completed their repentance and sanctifying of the temple and actually held the Passover (albeit one month late)? Read 2 Chronicles 30:21-23