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for Today's Challenges

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Today's Wisdom Thought is:

"THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE"

Ezra 7:28 — Because the hand of the Lord my God was on me, I took courage and gathered leaders from Israel to go up with me.

1 GOD NEEDS SOMEONE TO HELP REBUILD WHAT IS WITHIN US

Ezra 7:10 — For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach.

2 GOD WILL USE THE MAN OR WOMAN WHO WILL STAND BETWEEN GENERATIONS

2 Timothy 2:1-2 — You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say — in the presence of many witnesses — entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

Ezra 9:3-7, 10:1-4 — When I heard this, I tore my tunic and cloak, pulled hair from my head and beard and sat down appalled. 4 Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel gathered around me because of this unfaithfulness of the exiles. And I sat there appalled until the evening sacrifice.

5 Then, at the evening sacrifice, I rose from my self-abasement, with my tunic and cloak torn, and fell on my knees with my hands spread out to the Lord my God 6 and prayed:

"I am too ashamed and disgraced, my God, to lift up my face to you, because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens. 7 From the days of our ancestors until now, our guilt has been great. Because of our sins, we and our kings and our priests have been subjected to the sword and captivity, to pillage and humiliation at the hand of foreign kings, as it is today.

10:1-4 — 1 While Ezra was praying and confessing, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a large crowd of Israelites—men, women and children—gathered around him. They too wept bitterly.

2 Then Shekaniah son of Jehiel, one of the descendants of Elam, said to Ezra, "We have been unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women from the peoples around us. But in spite of this, there is still hope for Israel.
3 Now let us make a covenant before our God to send away all these women and their children, in accordance with the counsel of my lord and of those who fear the commands of our God. Let it be done according to the Law.

4 Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it."

3 THE MAN OR WOMAN IN THE MIDDLE GIVES COURAGE TO THOSE AROUND THEM TO KEEP LIVING FOR GOD

Ezra 7:28 — Because the hand of the Lord my God was on me, I took courage and gathered leaders from Israel to go up with me.

Joshua 1:9 — Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

WILL YOU TAKE COURAGE AND BE GOD'S MAN OR WOMAN IN THE MIDDLE?