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Zechariah 7:1-14

Motivation, or the lack thereof, can be a powerful thing. The reason we do, or do not do, something affects our actions, thoughts, and words. Zechariah brought the word of the Lord to the Israelites: they have missed the mark. God set them apart to be a holy people, different than the nations around them. And yet here they are seeking power, wasting resources, and oppressing the poor.

The Israelites hadn't failed to perform their religious duties. In fact they fasted and mourned?very rigorous acts of worship (v. 5). God, however, questioned their motivation behind their worship, "was it really for me that you fasted?" (v. 6). All the time and energy they spent was wasted if they did it for themselves.

How the Israelites behaved outside these religious act were telling: they failed to administer justice and mercy. They failed to care for the people that God care for?and focused solely on themselves.

What is your motivation for what you do today? Seek God and allow him to be your motivation.

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