

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, Ezra 1.

As we witness the decline of churches, it seems there is nothing much we can do. What is our hope in such a helpless situation? We see through tonight's passage that God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promise becomes the ground of our hope and assurance.

1. Historical Context

2. God who initiates.

- a. v 1 "the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia..."
- b. v5. "God had stirred to go up to rebuild..."

3. God who provides

4. How this understanding of God become our hope and assurance