

# Resuming Life After a Captivity

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\_\_\_\_\_ “to make a new, fresh start due to changed circumstances, opportunities, changed opportunities, or changed priorities”.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Captivity is the condition of having your freedom limited involuntarily. Captivity is being confined or trapped or restricted or controlled against your will”.

**#1 Expect to feel \_\_\_\_\_** (Ezra 3:10-13)

**Question:** What is something you are looking forward to with joy as we open more? What is one thing you will grieve or mourn for as we return to normal?

**#2 Take note of the \_\_\_\_\_ you learned** (Galatians 3:4)

What did I learn about what matters most this last year?  
What did I learn about what doesn't matter?  
What have I learned about my weaknesses?  
What have I learned about my strengths?  
What have I learned about my relationships this last year?  
What have I learned about my pace of living? My pace in life?  
What have I learned this year about God?  
What did I learn about using my time?  
What did I learn about money?  
What did I learn about happiness?

**#3 \_\_\_\_\_ everything before \_\_\_\_\_ it**  
(Haggai 1:5-7; Proverbs 19:2)

**Question:** What are two things you used to do that you are not going to restart?

**#4 \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:1)

b. \_\_\_\_\_-essentials (1 Cor. 6:12)

c. **Old** \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:22-24)

**#5 \_\_\_\_\_ on what really matters** (Proverbs 17:24)

**Question:** What do you need to prioritize and pour more time into that you may have neglected before Covid?

**#6 Expect \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_ Principle**  
(Genesis 8:3-4; Isaiah 26:3-4)

**Question:** What steps can you take today to do a Reset for a better life in Christ?

## What to do?

1. No Change

Will you resume your life exactly as it was before the pandemic, with no changes in you at all?

Will you resume the rat race?

Will you return to the old habits and the old hurts and the old hang-ups?

Will you refill your life with the old pressures and the old problems and the old fears and the old patterns that you had?

**or**

2. Use this as a Divine opportunity to reevaluate, reset, reboot your life in a more godly direction?