

Dealing with Opposition (Ezra 4) Sermon Devotional

Series - Rebuilding: Life Tools from Ezra-Nehemiah

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1. Consider an example in your life where your expectations were not met. How would you describe that feeling?
2. Now think about a time when your expectations were exceeded. How did you feel about that?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Ezra 4 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. In verses 1-2, what did the enemies of Judah volunteer to do?
5. What was the response from Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, in v. 3?
6. The enemies of Judah were the Samaritans, who mixed the worship of the Lord with perverted worship of false gods. Why do you think this was a problem?
7. How did the Samaritans react to being shut out of rebuilding the temple?

Bringing It Home

8. Who are the people that might oppose God's work of rebuilding your life?
 9. Why do you think they would oppose your devotion to God?
 10. In the end, you may have to choose between following God or following the people who want to control you. What will you decide?
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