

Ezra

RESTORATION

Dealing With Opposition

Ezra 4

May 7, 2023

The Christian life is full of opposition and difficulties. How do we respond? How do we view it? And what will we do with it? When we begin to expect opposition and recognize it is normal for the Christian life, we can begin to figure out how it happens and what we can do about it. Above all, we need to keep our eyes on God! When our eyes are on the Lord it will transform how we view everything, especially opposition.



WAYPOINT
CHURCH

Know Where You're Going.

Order Of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-2

Songs of Praise

Run To The Father

Belong to You

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #31

Q. Why is he called "Christ" meaning "anointed?"

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Offering and Prayer

Song of Declaration

Do It Again

Recognition of the Class of 2023

Elizabeth Bright – Toco Creek High School

Parker Stamschror – Nease High School

Carter Thorell – Nease High School

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1

Children's Message

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Pastor James Brignac

Communion

Song of Response

New Wine

Benediction

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text

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Realization

What would be natural to expect at this point in the story?

Why do we often experience spiritual warfare or opposition?

What do we need to recognize about the work of Satan?

John 8:44

1 Peter 5:8-9

Regularity

Who are the adversaries mentioned at the beginning of this chapter?

2 Kings 17:24-28

How is this passage structured? What do we learn?

What is the goal of opposition?

Resisting

In what ways did these adversaries seek to oppose the Israelites?

Romans 13

Who is leading the charge against the adversaries?

Matthew 7:15

What practical steps can we take to resist opposition?

Announcements



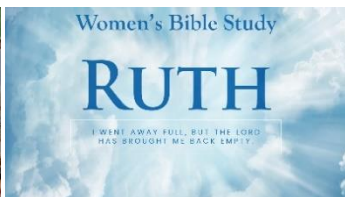
Celebration – May 27 at 6:00 PM
Service – May 28 at 10:30 AM



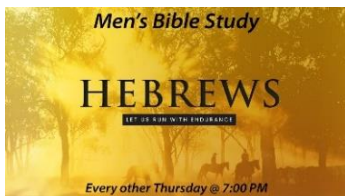
Save the dates!
August 18-19, 2023



Sundays - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
At Waypoint Church



Next Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
7:00 PM



Next Men's Bible Study
Thursday, May 4, 2023
7:00 PM



Multiple groups are available.
Contact Pastor James to get
connected



Every Friday at 8:00 AM
via Zoom meeting



Summer Bible Study
Wednesdays in June, 10-11:30 AM

Discussion Questions

1. Have you experienced spiritual warfare? What was that experience?
2. How do people view Satan today? Does it matter?
3. Is it helpful to see how people in the Old Testament responded to a long period of opposition? What can we learn from their experience?
4. What causes you to be discouraged? How do you fight against discouragement?
5. Why is it essential to have solid, biblical leaders in the church today?
6. Where do you see opposition to the church today?