

A NEW ERA WEEK 3

# FACING OPPOSITION

## Opening Prayer

Lord, when opposition rises, remind us that You are greater than every obstacle. Strengthen our hearts to trust You. Amen.

## Read the Text

Ezra 4:1–5

Feel free to take any notes below:

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- HEAD**
1. What kind of opposition did Israel face in Ezra 4?
  2. How did the people of the land try to discourage them?
  3. Why do you think opposition often arises when God's work is moving forward?

- HEART**
1. What strategies did the enemies of God's people use?
  2. How can we see Satan's tactics mirrored in our own lives?
  3. Why is perseverance important when faced with opposition in our lives?

- HANDS**
1. When is a time you faced opposition in regards to your faith?
  2. What sort of discouragements make you most likely to quit?
  3. How has God strengthened you in times of difficulty?

- HUDDLE** Break off into same-gender huddle groups and discuss:
1. Where do you most feel spiritual resistance, and how can your brothers/sisters hold you up in prayer?

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**MEMORY VERSE** “Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build.”-Ezra 4:4

**SPIRITUALLY  
VIBRANT HOME**

Opposition can bring fear and isolation. Extend hospitality this week by welcoming someone into your home or life as an act of encouragement, showing them God’s presence even in times of resistance.



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