

When Opposition Comes...

Session 5



‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the Lord Almighty.’

Zechariah 1:3

UP: Introduction

- What opposition have you faced to living out your faith?
- What helps you overcome opposition to your faith?

IN: Explore

READ: **Ezra 4 & Nehemiah 4**

Context:

These two passages describe two stories of opposition. The first was when the temple was being rebuilt, and the opposition led them away from God. They were called back to God by the prophets: (‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the Lord Almighty.) The second was when the city walls were being rebuilt, and the opposition led them to keep returning to God through prayer, action and trust in Him.

Identify the different types of opposition the people encountered

What lessons can you learn from Nehemiah about facing opposition?

What encouragements and challenges do you take from these stories?

OUT: Impact

- What do you need to do to return to the Lord today?