

Troubling News

Ezra 9-10

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The Good News:

Ezra experienced the _____ and _____ hand
of God

There is nothing like being blessed by God

The Bad News:

_____ is running rampant

Not about race, but about _____

_____ have led the way

Can happen to anyone – no one exempt

Why we need to be praying for one another and
for protection from evil

Ezra's Response:

1. _____ reaction – appalled – moved in his heart

What is my attitude toward sin?

What helps us to remain sensitive against sin?

a. Our relationship with _____

THE _____ in our lives

Take seriously and _____

More than knowing it - being changed

2. Moved to _____

a. Confesses sin

b. Acknowledges God's gracious dealings with them

c. Appeals to His grace

3. _____ of prayer – Changes hearts

People _____ to take action and deal with sin

Prayer can bring about things that we can't

Things to consider

1. Can you see ways God is at work in your life? Be sure to take time to praise Him and rejoice.

2. Is there sin in your life that needs to be dealt with? Do it now!

3. Do you understand that temptation and sin is something we all face everyday and help is found in God, as we depend on Him everyday?

4. How would you describe your relationship with God's Word?

5. Is your attitude and response to sin at all changing? Is there a need for change to be taking place?

6. Will you let Ezra's example of prayer encourage you in your own prayer life?