

OBEDIENCE WORKS

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Ezra 5:3-4 "At that time Tattenai, governor of West-of-Euphrates, came to them, along with Shethar-bozenai, and their fellow officials, and asked of them: "Who issued the decree for you to build this house and complete this edifice? What are the names of the men who are building this structure?" (NABRE)

As the people of Israel got back to building their church, the king's people were suspicious of it. They then came to ask questions. They wanted to know who told them they could build, and wanted to know all the names of the people who were involved (Ezra 5:3-4).

When people see something different going on, it makes them curious. Curious people ask questions. Do people ever ask you about your faith?

When we are obedient to God's Word, it sparks curiosity. In the remnant's case, people wanted to take some information back to the king. In our case, it will be people who are looking for what we have. Are we ready to show them? Are we ready to invite them in and answer their questions? Are we strong enough in the Word that we can tell them who "commanded us to build this house", and who "makes up this building"?

When we are obedient to God's Word, we will be investigated. God has given you His Word; His written Word—the Bible, and His living Word—Jesus Christ. The question is, what are you personally doing with it? Are you living and obeying it? God's Word calls for immediate, inspired, inclusive obedience.

Obedience isn't really complicated. It doesn't take much, but you do have to take that first step. If you haven't been obedient to God's Word—take that first step of obedience today.

Lord, help me to have the initiative in taking the first step in obeying Your Word.

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