

# ***Rise Up and Build - Week TWO - “Planted AND Called”***

***Ezra 4-6***

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## **Introduction: *The Benedict Option***

**TENSION: “When we start building God’s kingdom *resistance will come.*”**

### **1. Face The ADVERSARY (Ezra 4).**

***“Are you afraid to build God’s kingdom?”***

#### **Three Forms of Adversaries:**

- Specific PEOPLE can be adversaries.
- IDEAS can be adversarial.
- CULTURAL SYSTEMS can be adversarial.

### **2. Seek PROPHETIC Insight (Ezra 5).**

***“When God plants us in a location, he calls us to a mission and he offers providential protection.”***

***“But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they did not stop them until the report should reach Darius and then an answer be returned by letter concerning it.”***

***-Ezra 5:5, ESV-***

### **3. Rest In The King’s FAVOR (Ezra 6).**

#### **Three Questions:**

- Where have you seen God’s PROTECTION?
- How have you experienced God’s PROVISION?
- Where can you trust God for PRESERVATION?

## **Conclusion: *The Slaughtered Lamb***