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SERMON OUTLINE

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Doing Hard Things  
Ezra 10

- I. True repentance means making hard choices to be holy (Ezra 10:1-6).
  - A. Genuine remorse for sin (10:1)
  - B. Seeking God and His word (10:2-5)
  - C. Spiritual preparation and taking action (10:6-8)
- II. Making hard choices requires spiritual courage and wisdom (Ezra 10:9-44).
  - A. Courage to do hard things comes only as we humble ourselves (10:9-15).
    - 1. Receiving confrontation (9-11)
    - 2. Submitting to spiritual leadership (12-15)
  - B. Wisdom to do hard things comes from careful deliberation (16-44)

Doing hard things to address personal sin

- 1. Prioritize Holiness
- 2. Identify my spiritual weaknesses
- 3. Accountability
- 4. Sacrifice
- 5. Family impact
- 6. Follow up of sin
- 7. Choosing Hope