take time **27 October** **Ezra 10:16-44** read

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A new beginning with God

study

You can see in Ezra's life how God is true to a faithful servant. It's true that there are many difficulties crossing our paths, but Ezra knew at whose feet he could offload his worries.

With God's help he was able to bring a people from a wrong path back into fellowship with God. And God took note of their return.

All those who had got into wrong relationships are recorded in the book of Ezra (vv18-44). – God takes note of each and every sin!

How good if you are prepared to break with old habitual sins, as did the relatives of Jeshua (19)!

answer

30. What is especially remarkable with regard to the men who separated from their wives (v19)?
31. With hindsight, how would you describe Ezra's relationship with God?

inform

Even today God doesn't want someone who belongs to the people of God to marry someone who doesn't. But if a believer and an unbeliever are already married, then they should not get divorced. One reason is: It's possible that the believer leads the unbeliever to the Lord Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 7:12).

think

Be determined in your heart never to marry an unbeliever!

note down

30. The men did it voluntarily, without having to be forced. But they gave their promise to obey God. 31. Suggestion: Ezra was a man who couldn't do anything without God, but could do everything with Him. He showed in his behaviour that he was totally dependent on God.