

Opposition

Nehemiah – Week 4

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Nehemiah 4:1-23

Nehemiah 4:10 “Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.”

Nehemiah 4:11 “Also our enemies said, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.”

Nehemiah 4:12 “Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, “Wherever you turn, they will attack us.”

The devil will stop at _____ to hinder
the work of God.

WHAT TO DO IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION

- 1. Pray like it all depends on _____,
and work like it all depends _____.**

Nehemiah 4:4 “Hear us, our God for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of

captivity. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.”

Nehemiah 4:9 “But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.”

Nehemiah 4:6 “So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half it’s height, for the people worked with all their heart.”

- 2. Don’t retaliate, but _____
who is on _____.**

Nehemiah 4:14 “After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

Nehemiah 4:19-20 “Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. ²⁰ Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!”

MY NEXT STEPS

Point to Ponder: Nehemiah was an ordinary man who trusted in an extraordinary God. He had the attitude: Show me the size of your problem and I’ll show you the size of my God! Why can we have this same attitude and what would it look like in your life if you reflected this?

Treasure to Share: Nehemiah 4:14 “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

Action to Take: Consider your own spiritual walls, what area might you need additional fortification and strengthen? Consider the different and many ways you can work to rebuild and fortify it against the devil’s attacks. Relate your plan to another Christian who can hold you accountable to repairing your walls.