

Beyond Dreaming and Doing: 3 Keys to Rebuilding

Nehemiah 4:1-23; 5:1-10

REBuild. REStore. REVive Study of Nehemiah, Part 3

- **Welcome**
- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**-13369 W Colonial Dr. Winter Garden
- Nehemiah 4:1 (ESV)
Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. ² And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?"
- **Resistance: Sanballat, Tobiah, Gesham offer resistance** (Nehemiah 2:10, 19)
- *The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem.* Nehemiah 2:20
- **Opposition:**
 - David and Saul
 - Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego
- **Paul:** "I will stay in Ephesus, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." 1 Corinthians 16:9 (NRSV)
- *Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.* Hebrews 12:3 (NRSV)
- ³ *Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!"* Nehemiah 4:3 (ESV)
- **Expect Opposition.**
- **To trust God.**
- **Nehemiah 4:4-5 (ESV)**
⁴ *Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. ⁵ Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders.*
- **"We pray like it is all up to God. We work like it is all up to us." D. L. Moody**
- **Prayer:**
⁹ *And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.* Nehemiah 4:9 (ESV)
- **Take Responsibility**
- **Fatigue Factor: "the strength of the labors is giving out." Nehemiah 4:10**
- **Review your vision, personal mission statement or goals once a month. (26-30 days) The Wall was rebuilt in 52 days.**
- **Nehemiah 4:14, 20 (ESV)**
¹⁴ *And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes." ²⁰ In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."*
- **More Resistance: Nehemiah 5:1-10**
- **Good to Great**
- **Three Keys to Rebuilding: Expect Opposition, Trust God, Take Responsibility**
- **Prayer**