

MAY NOTHING STOP US!

(Nehemiah 4)

1. There are those who want to make me look **INCOMPETENT** before others. (Colossians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 3:5, 4:7; Philippians 1:6, 4:13)
2. There are those who want me to see my **WEAKNESS** and miss my **STRENGTHS**. (John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 46:1,68:35, 73:26)
3. There are those who want me to think the odds are too much **AGAINST ME**. (Ephesians 3:20; Luke 1:37; Isaiah 61:3; 1 Corinthians 15:58)
4. **PRAYER** is placing the opposition into God's hands. (Exodus 3:7; Mark 6:48; 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 4:16; Romans 12:29; Proverbs 3:5-6)
5. Put your **MIND** to it and **DO** the work! (Judges 6:14; 1 Corinthians 1:27; Colossians 3:2; Philippians 4:8; Romans 8:5; Isaiah 26:3)
6. Be vigilant to **GUARD** what matters - day and night! (Proverbs 4:23, 13:3; Ephesians 4:-3; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Luke 12:15; Psalm 119:9, 141:3)
7. In moments of fatigue and despair, we must remember the Lord - **HE** and **OTHERS** will help bear my burden. (John 14:16; Psalm 55:22; Galatians 6:2; Romans 12:5; Hebrews 10:24-25; Philippians 2:4)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What was Nehemiah's first and immediate response to opposition (verse 4)? Why is this so important? Why might we tend to overlook this as step #1?
3. Why did Sanballat and Tobiah want to stop the wall from being built? What is it that the enemy / opposition wants to stop us from accomplishing as a local church? What tactics does he employ? How are we to respond to these?
4. Even after the people cried out to the Lord, there were subsequent rounds of attacks by the enemy. So the potentially trite saying, "Pray, and everything will be better!" is not necessarily true. What do we learn about prayer through this? If prayer doesn't make things 'better', then why do we pray?
5. As we learned, living in obedience to God involves both external criticism and internal fears. Which do you have the hardest time dealing with? Why?
6. Nehemiah exhorted the people to fight for one another (verse 14). What does 'fighting for one another' look like as members of THRIVE? What do we hope to accomplish by doing this?