

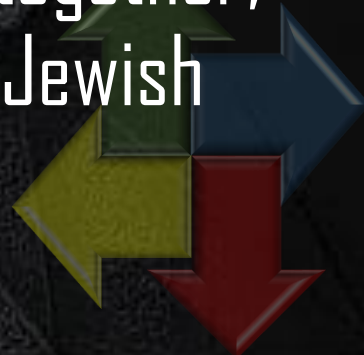


# Living out Your **FAITH**

Overcome Obstacles through Faith, 3:1-5:18

# Background of Nehemiah's Faith through Obstacles

- Obstacles Nehemiah and the people of Israel faced, 4:5-12, 5:8-11  
Ridicule from their enemies, the exhaustion of the people who were rebuilding the wall, a real threat from their surrounding enemies, and Jewish leaders who exploited the people
- How Nehemiah overcame the obstacles, 4:13-15, 5:8-11  
He armed the people for battle, organized the people to work together, reminded that their power came from God, and called out the Jewish leaders who exploited their own people



# The Nature of Obstacles

- Obstacles come from many directions – some we create ourselves, some from those who oppose us, and some from negative people around us who lack vision or tell us what they think we need to do
- Obstacles have the potential to bring out the best or worst in us – depending on our relationship with God, how we view the obstacle, and our ability to wait on God to overcome the obstacle



# How to Overcome Obstacles

- Stay focused on what God has called you to do – don't compare your life with others and don't be discouraged by those who think they know best
- Identify your obstacles, break them down, and address them individually
- Place your faith and trust in God to lead you to victory
- Pray that God will see you through and feed on the Scripture
- Be patient and let God lead you through the obstacle



# Bottom Line

Obstacles can be opportunities for God to grow you in your faith, strengthen your character, and be used by God to demonstrate His power, peace, and joy through you.

