Revive the Stone WK 7

I Cannot Come Down

Pursuing a God-given dream often invites opposition.

Distractions can slowly kill a dream.

—>Nehemiahs enemies needed to distract him.

VS. 3 "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down."

A "great work" is about GOD, HIS plan and purpose for HIS glory.

• 3 DISTRACTIONS •

1 OPPORTUNITIES

New & exciting opportunities CAN be distractions. Busy schedules, money...are not all bad things but can be distractions.

2 CRITICISM

3 things Sanballot was using to try & criticize Nehemiah: gossip, slander, lies

nothing good ever comes from these.

vs. 9 - but now, O God, strengthen my hands... Nehemiah prayed rather than give into the criticism

"Now, O God, Strengthen My Hands"

It's easy to go on the defense but any impulse reaction to criticism has the chance to derail you off that great work.

Emotions can rise up with criticism & can distract you. PRAY first & ask for strength.

Anger is a form of focus. Anger is distracting.

3FEAR

Our fears often keep us from our "great work".

Fear not is one of the most repeated commands in the Bible. 2 Timothy 1:7- for god has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline. NLT

Are you allowing the power of the gospel
To supply you in your great work?
Are you finding your strength in Him with the help of the Holy Spirit?

Your life will become a testimony for His glory & His glory alone.