

👍👏 Thumb story:

Basketball block // 6th grade

PC responded out of anger/ emotion & it upset him so much.

How can you relate to being disappointed in your response? Out of anger, fear, emotion? 📌

👉 Possible responses:: Israelites- breaking the commandments.

Turning to sin, quitting, self-reliance (elimelech- in Ruth, he moved to Moab...self-reliance), laughing, cowering, going backward....

👉 Nehemiah 📌

While everything was seemingly going well, there are people not happy about the wall...there is tension, the enemy starts ROARING 📌- he demands to be heard. Here is how Nehemiah responds: chapter 4!!!

📌 Will they revive the stones??!!

YES by the Grace of God!!!

Our culture is constantly laughing at, mocking, tearing down those who follow Jesus...the enemy's roar.

👉 BY THE GRACE OF GOD YES!!!! 📌

This is our battle cry!!!

1000 compliments + 1 critic = 1 critic

The roaring lion is going to oppose you...

3 things to do when the enemy starts opposing you 📌

1 RETREAT

Titus + Naomi story with the "dinosaur" - back up into the King of Kings when the enemy is roaring!!!

👉 The first thing Nehemiah does is retreats to prayer - unfiltered, frustrated, angry, aggressive prayer! God go get em'!

👉 Complain and vent to the Lord first. He is the only one who can do something about it.

☆☆☆ When we talk to other people it is gossip...when we talk to god it's prayer.

2 REVISE

A disrupted plan is not a destroyed dream!

This is fleshed out well with the picture of marriage. When the goal is death till us part- and what you are doing isn't working- REVISE THE PLAN!

👉 Andy Stanley :: "visions are refined - they don't change. Plans are revised - they rarely stay the same."

3 REMEMBER

👉 remember the Lord, the God of the sea, of the burning bush, of David, of the plaques...if he can do it for them, he can do it for us!

👉 Altars of remembrance!

REMEMBER THE LORD WHO IS GREAT AND AWESOME!!!!!!

Winter branches... looks like death but don't forget who he is, great & awesome...when doubt creeps in, remember, remember who the lord is!

Retreat to Jesus EVERY TIME!!!

Don't QUIT!

What's your wall?

What's your call?

If you are walking in that call, you are facing opposition.