



Pastor Derrick Shields “Nehemiah: Our God Will Fight For Us” 1/16/2022

Key Verses:

- Nehemiah 4-6

Key Thoughts:

- Things have been torn down around us the last two years and the book of Nehemiah can teach us something about rebuilding. God is saying to us, “Let us start rebuilding.” (Nehemiah 2:18)
- In the first three chapters, we see the process it took for Nehemiah to prepare to begin his work. In Nehemiah 4, he faces opposition to his rebuild. We all face opposition, but we can learn something from the way that Nehemiah responded.

Types of Opposition Nehemiah Faced:

1. Anger and accusation (Nehemiah 4:1a, 7)
2. Ridicule and mockery (Nehemiah 4:1b-3)
3. Threats and intimidation (Nehemiah 4:8, 11)
4. Schemes and trickery (Nehemiah 4:6-7, 10)
5. Negativity and fear (Nehemiah 4:10, 12)

Response of a Godly Leader:

1. Pray always (Nehemiah 4:4-5, 9; Nehemiah 5:19; Nehemiah 6:9, 14)
 2. Prepare strategically (Nehemiah 4:13-14, 16-23)
 3. Sacrifice for the well-being of others (Nehemiah 5)
 4. Stay committed to the mission (Nehemiah 6:15)
- Because Nehemiah did these things, he completed his task of rebuilding the wall in 52 days. God rebuilt something in 52 days that had been destroyed for a century.
 - Our job is to put on the armor of God, as outlined in Ephesians 6:10-18.

Discussion Questions:

- Which type of opposition have you been facing in your life lately?
- Which of the “Responses of a Godly Leader” do you need to focus on most in this season?
- What would it look like for you to put on the armor of God every day?