

REBUILDING
~Opposition~
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My own worst enemies...

~Life is a play about the struggle between Good and Evil. And we are the players.~

GOD's Story—Opposition, Nehemiah 2, 4, 6

The Example of Nehemiah: Humility—Courage—Determination—Perseverance

Nehemiah's Opposition:

- The state of affairs, Nehemiah 2:17-20
- Human Opponents, Nehemiah 4:1-9
- Discouragement/Fear, Nehemiah 4:10-12

Nehemiah's Response:

- Don't be afraid, fight!, Nehemiah 4:13-18
- He would not give up!, Nehemiah 6:11-16

Our Opposition:

- The state of affairs-
 - Life is Suffering
 - "In this world you will have trouble." (Jesus, John 16:33)
 - "Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Jesus, Matthew 6:34)
- Our own attitude *is* often our worst opposition! We settle for being the victim.
- People opposed, not to us, but to what we stand for...

Our Response:

- Get Humble! Admit what incredibly stupid thing(s) I am doing to screw up my life.
- Decide not to be a victim!
- Decide what you want/what would be *good* for you, not what would make you happy.
- Decide to Good with your life *in the face of tragedy*. (Ephesians 2:10)
- Line up with Jesus and overcome the evil in this world. (John 16:33)
- Believe that you truly are an Overcomer! Memorize this! (Romans 8:31-39)
- In your relationships, overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)

Rebuilding at FCC Commitment Card...

Big Idea:

Life is a play about the struggle between Good and Evil. And we are the players.

Fight for what is good!

Use your life to make the world better!

Do not be overcome by evil, overcome evil with good!

Right On!

(NT Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31-39)