

MAN 

[**NEHEMIAH : SESSION 3 : NEVER QUIT**]

I AM A MAN.

**God has called me, gifted me,
empowered me, and positioned
me to lead myself, my family,
& my community.**

TODAY I CHOOSE TO . . .

- Own It**
- Ask for Help**
- Never Quit**
- Take the Lead**
- Finish the Job**

NEVER QUIT.

Overcome ACCUSATION with PRAYER.

- **4:2** - “What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they’re doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap - and charred ones at that.”
- **4:4-5** - “Then I **PRAYED** - Hear us, our God, for we are being mocked. May their scoffing fall back on their own heads, and may they themselves become captives in a foreign land! Do not ignore their guilt. Do not blot out their sins, for they have provoked **you** to anger in front of the builders.”

Overcome EXHAUSTION with VISION.

- **4:6 & 10** - “At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm. Then the people of Judah began to complain - the workers are getting **TIRED**, and there is so much rubble to be moved. We will never be able to build the wall by ourselves.”
- **4:14** - “Don’t be afraid of the enemy! **REMEMBER** the Lord, who is great and glorious, and **FIGHT** for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!”

Overcome OPPOSITION with RE-VISION.

- **4:16-17** - “**FROM THEN ON**, only half my men worked while the other half **STOOD GUARD** - the laborers carried on their work with one hand supporting their load and one hand holding a weapon.”

Overcome ISOLATION with COMMUNITY.

- **4:19** - “The work is very spread out, and we are widely **SEPARATED** from each other along the wall.”
- **4:20** - “When you hear the blast of the trumpet, rush to wherever it is sounding. Then our God will fight for **US**.”

Overcome DEPRESSION with ACTION.

- **5:1-5** - “Some of the men and their wives raised a cry of protest against their fellow Jews. We need more food to survive. We have mortgaged our fields, vineyards, and homes. We have sold our children into slavery just to get enough money to live. We are **HELPLESS**.”
- **5:7-11** - “Then I called a public meeting to **DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM** - What you are doing is not right! Should you not walk in the fear of our God in order to avoid being mocked by enemy nations? Let us **stop** the business of charging interest. You must **restore** their fields, vineyards, olive groves, and homes to them this very day. And **repay** the interest you charged them.”

Overcome DISTRACTION with DECISION.

- **6:1-2** - “Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem, and the rest of our enemies found out that I had finished rebuilding the wall and that no gaps remained - though we had not yet set the doors in the gates. They sent a message asking to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But I realized they were plotting to harm me.”
- **6:3 & 9** - So I replied by sending this message to them:
“I am doing a great work and **I CAN'T COME DOWN**. They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work. So I **CONTINUED** the work with even greater determination.

NEVER QUIT :: Q&A

Q :: Which of these 6 make me most tempted to quit?

- accusation
- exhaustion
- opposition
- isolation
- depression
- distraction

Q :: When I face accusation with **PRAYER** - God helps me **embrace** the truth and **release** the rest. What truth do I need to embrace? What lie do I need to release?

Q :: Am I actively taking days and seasons of **REST**?

Q :: What current plan needs **RE-VISION**?

Q :: How am I pursuing **COMMUNITY** with other men?

Q :: What is my "**GREAT WORK**" and how will I keep from "**COMING DOWN**?"

Q :: What **ONE ACTION** do I need to take **ASAP**?

Notes.