

Nehemiah 6 - Staying in the Work | Kyle Reno | Sunday, October 4, 2026

Nehemiah 6:1 (ESV)

Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates),

Nehemiah 6:2 (ESV)

²Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono.” But they intended to do me harm.

2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)

³But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

“Satan comes either as a serpent who deceives or a lion who devours.” Wiersbe

WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US DISCERN THE TACTICS OF THE ENEMY IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE

Nehemiah 6:3-4 (ESV)

³And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?”

⁴And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner.

EVERY SEASON WE NEED TO MAKE A DECISION TO KEEP DOING KINGDOM WORK

Nehemiah 6:5-7 (ESV)

⁵In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. ⁶In it was written, “It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king.

⁷And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, ‘There is a king in Judah.’ And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together.”

“If we take care of our character, God will take care of our reputation”

Nehemiah 6:8 (ESV)

⁸Then I sent to him, saying, “No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind.”

A FEW WORDS TO THE ENEMY AND FAITHFUL WORK FOR THE LORD IS HOW WE FINISH WELL

Nehemiah 6:9 (ESV)

⁹For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.” But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

KEEP PRAYING FOR THE STRENGTH TO KEEP GOING

Nehemiah 6:10-14 (ESV)

¹⁰Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, “Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night.” ¹¹But I said, “Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in.” ¹²And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. ¹⁴Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

WHEN YOU KNOW THE WORD, YOU’LL HAVE WISDOM IN THE WAR

Nehemiah 6:15 (ESV)

So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.

IF YOU STAY FAITHFUL, GOD WILL ALLOW US TO SEE SOME FINISHED WORK

Nehemiah 6:16 (ESV)

And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

GOD HELPING US IN THE WORK MAKES HIM THE HERO TO ALL THAT HEAR