

CHANGE YOUR WORLD IN 52 DAYS

THE STORY OF NEHEMIAH

DEFEATING DISCOURAGEMENT NEHEMIAH 3-4

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“ ¹⁸ They replied at once, ‘Yes, let’s rebuild the wall!’ So they began the good work.
¹⁹ But when Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab heard of our plan, they scoffed contemptuously. ‘What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?’ they asked.
²⁰ I replied, ‘The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall. But you have no share, legal right, or historic claim in Jerusalem.’”

NEHEMIAH 2:18b-20 (NLT)

We don't face opposition because _____,

We face it because _____.

Your Spiritual Enemy Will Attempt to:

Open Your Bible to...

NEHEMIAH 3:1-5 (NLT)

Discourage you from the _____.

“ ¹ Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews, ² saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, ‘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?’”

NEHEMIAH 4:1-2a (NLT)

Using _____.

“ ^{2b} Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap - and charred ones at that?”

NEHEMIAH 4:2b (NLT)

Using _____.

“ ³ Tobiah the Ammonite, who was standing beside him, remarked, ‘That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!’”

NEHEMIAH 4:3 (NLT)

Defeating Discouragement:

Take it _____, then _____.

“ ⁴ 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!’ ⁵ Do not ignore their guilt. Do not blot out their sins, for they have provoked you to anger here in front of the builders.
⁶ At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm.”

NEHEMIAH 4:4-6 (NLT)

You don't answer to _____, you answer to _____.

Your spiritual enemy will attempt to:

Discourage you from the _____.

“ ¹⁰ 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.’”

NEHEMIAH 4:10 (NLT)

Defeating Discouragement:

Remember the _____ ...

“ ^{14a} Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious...’”

NEHEMIAH 4:14a (NLT)

..and Fight for your _____.

“ ^{14b} ...and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!”

NEHEMIAH 4:14b (NLT)

SO WHAT?

“ ¹⁵ When our enemies heard that we knew of their plans and that God had frustrated them, we all returned to our work on the wall. ¹⁶ But from then on, only half my men worked while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. The leaders stationed themselves behind the people of Judah ¹⁷ who were building the wall. The laborers carried on their work with one hand supporting their load and one hand holding a weapon. ¹⁸ All the builders had a sword belted to their side. The trumpeter stayed with me to sound the alarm.”

NEHEMIAH 4:15-18 (NLT)

We need to _____ &
_____ at the _____.

“ ¹⁰ Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

ISAIAH 41:10 (NLT)

“ ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.”

GALATIANS 6:9 (NLT)

FOLLOW: Intro Ministry Interest Lunch

AUGUST 11th @ 12:15PM
fbclodi.org/volunteer

Join us Sunday August 11th for our ministry interest lunch. You'll pick your lunch up in the gym at 12:15PM, then join your team's leaders to enjoy lunch together and learn more about the ministry you're interested in.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our FBCkids team focuses on teaching and nurturing children in their faith through Sunday school classes, midweek kids clubs, and activities and events throughout the year.

AUDIO/VIDEO/LIGHTING TEAM

Manages audio and visual technology during church services and events, ensuring smooth operation of sound, lighting, video, and live-streaming.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Encourages men in their faith journey with Bible studies, community, camps and retreats, and service projects.

PARKING LOT TEAM

Assists with directing parking lot traffic, and providing a welcoming environment for our guests.

SUNDAY SET-UP/TAKE-DOWN TEAM

Prepares and organizes our worship spaces before services and tidies up afterward.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE TEAM

Takes care of the church building and grounds, handling repairs and maintenance tasks.

WORSHIP ARTS

Areas include our worship team, choir, and other creative avenues to enhance worship services and special events.

CHILDCARE MINISTRY:

Provides safe and nurturing care for young children during church services, special events, and Bible studies and other groups on campus throughout the week.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HSM (High School Ministry) is looking for 2 or more female and 2 or more male leaders for midweeks this year. Tuesdays 7-8:30pm with high energy games, fun hang out times, and thought-provoking Biblical discussions each week.

JHM (Junior High Ministry) is looking for 3-5 female and 3-5 male leaders for midweeks. Wednesdays 6:15-7:45pm with fun games, teaching time, and small group grade-based discussions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Offers support, community, and spiritual growth opportunities for women through Bible studies, retreats, and social events.

COMMUNITY GROUP FACILITATOR

This person leads small groups in homes or at the church, creating community and prioritizing spiritual growth and honest discussion.

WELCOME MINISTRY: Welcome Center/Greeter/Usher/Seating Team

Greets visitors and regular attendees, providing information and a welcome to ensure they feel at home in our church community. Helps people find seating, and assists with the flow of the service.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Dedicates time to pray for the church, its members, and their needs.

LANDSCAPING TEAM

Maintains the church's outdoor areas, including gardening, mowing, and beautification projects.

KID'S CHOIR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Leads and coordinates our Made For Praise children's choir practices and performances.

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