

CHANGE YOUR WORLD IN 52 DAYS

THE STORY OF NEHEMIAH

FINISH THE WORK
NEHEMIAH 6

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“ ¹ Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, 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 up the doors in the gates.”

NEHEMIAH 6:1 (NLT)

The _____ you get to doing what _____,

The _____ your enemy will _____.

Your spiritual enemy's strategy:

Your enemy will try to _____.

“ ^{2a} So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono.”

NEHEMIAH 6:2a (NLT)

Our response:

I'm not _____.

“ ^{2b} But I realized they were plotting to harm me, ³ so I replied by sending this message to them: 'I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?' ⁴ Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply.”

NEHEMIAH 6:2b-4 (NLT)

Your spiritual enemy's strategy:

Your enemy will try to _____.

By _____.

“ ⁵ The fifth time, Sanballat's servant came with an open letter in his hand, ⁶ and this is what it said: 'There is a rumor among the surrounding nations, and Geshem tells me it is true, that you and the Jews are planning to rebel and that is why you are building the wall. According to his reports, you plan to be their king.' ⁷ He also reports that you have appointed prophets in Jerusalem to proclaim about you, 'Look! There is a king in Judah!' 'You can be very sure that this report will get back to the king, so I suggest that you come and talk it over with me.'”

NEHEMIAH 6:5-7 (NLT)

Our response:

Say “ _____ ”, _____, & Get _____.

“ ⁸ I replied, 'There is no truth in any part of your story. You are making up the whole thing.' ⁹ 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.”

NEHEMIAH 6:8-9 (NLT)

By _____ to _____ .

“ ¹⁰ Later I went to visit Shemaiah son of Delaiah and grandson of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home. He said, ‘Let us meet together inside the Temple of God and bolt the doors shut. Your enemies are coming to kill you tonight.’”

NEHEMIAH 6:10 (NLT)

Our response:

I'm not _____ .

“ ¹¹ But I replied, ‘Should someone in my position run from danger? Should someone in my position enter the Temple to save his life? No, I won't do it!’ ¹² I realized that God had not spoken to him, but that he had uttered this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³ They were hoping to intimidate me and make me sin. Then they would be able to accuse and discredit me.”

NEHEMIAH 6:11-13 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

“ ¹⁵ So on October 2 the wall was finished - just fifty-two days after we had begun. ¹⁶ When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.”

NEHEMIAH 6:15-16 (NLT)

What is _____ ?

“ 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)

_____ another _____ !

DISCUSSION Questions:

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1 - What is one of your greatest accomplishments? How did you accomplish your goal and what did you learn from the experience?

What are some things that can distract us from doing what God wants us to do?

2 - Read Nehemiah 6:1-16. Nehemiah faced continued opposition in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, but he refuses to give up.

Why are rumors such a dangerous tactic the enemy uses to discredit us?

What are some things that can distract us from doing what God wants us to do?

3 - Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. Paul talks about finishing the work God had for him and the great satisfaction of fighting the good fight and finishing the race. Who have you seen finish the work well?

Why are rumors such a dangerous tactic the enemy uses to discredit us?

4 - What is your Wall? What is God calling you to do? What are you going to do about it?

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