

A blacksmith is shown in a dark, industrial setting, wearing a dark jacket and yellow protective gloves. They are using a hammer to strike a piece of glowing, heated metal held in a large, dark anvil. A significant amount of bright sparks is being thrown into the air from the point of impact. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some industrial equipment.

THE GOOD WORK

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**EACH OF US IS CREATED ON PURPOSE,
WITH GIFTS AND PASSIONS, TO MAKE
AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE**

EPHESIANS 2:10

FOR WE ARE GOD'S HANDIWORK, CREATED
IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS,
WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US
TO DO.

THE
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NEHEMIAH 6:1-2

WHEN WORD CAME TO SANBALLAT, TOBIAH, GESHEM THE ARAB AND THE REST OF OUR ENEMIES THAT I HAD REBUILT THE WALL AND NOT A GAP WAS LEFT IN IT—THOUGH UP TO THAT TIME I HAD NOT SET THE DOORS IN THE GATES—SANBALLAT AND GESHEM SENT ME THIS MESSAGE: “COME, LET US MEET TOGETHER IN ONE OF THE VILLAGES[A] ON THE PLAIN OF ONO.”



**IF THE ENEMY CAN'T DESTROY YOU,
HE'LL TRY TO DISTRACT YOU**

**THE WORLD IS LOUD WITH
DISTRACTIONS, BUT GOD'S CALL IS
CLEAR: DO THE GOOD WORK HE HAS SET
BEFORE YOU**

NEHEMIAH 6:3

SO I SENT MESSENGERS TO THEM WITH THIS
REPLY: 'I AM CARRYING ON A GREAT PROJECT
AND CANNOT GO DOWN. WHY SHOULD THE
WORK STOP WHILE I LEAVE IT AND GO
DOWN TO YOU?

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NEHEMIAH 6:5-7

THEN, THE FIFTH TIME, SANBALLAT SENT HIS AIDE TO ME WITH THE SAME MESSAGE, AND IN HIS HAND WAS AN UNSEALED LETTER IN WHICH WAS WRITTEN:

“IT IS REPORTED AMONG THE NATIONS—AND GESHEM SAYS IT IS TRUE—THAT YOU AND THE JEWS ARE PLOTTING TO REVOLT, AND THEREFORE YOU ARE BUILDING THE WALL. MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS YOU ARE ABOUT TO BECOME THEIR KING AND HAVE EVEN APPOINTED PROPHETS TO MAKE THIS PROCLAMATION ABOUT YOU IN JERUSALEM: ‘THERE IS A KING IN JUDAH!’ NOW THIS REPORT WILL GET BACK TO THE KING; SO COME, LET US MEET TOGETHER.”



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NEHEMIAH 6:9

THEY WERE ALL TRYING TO FRIGHTEN US, THINKING,
“THEIR HANDS WILL GET TOO WEAK FOR THE WORK,
AND IT WILL NOT BE COMPLETED.”

BUT I PRAYED, “NOW STRENGTHEN MY HANDS.”

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**INSTEAD OF DISCOURAGEMENT,
OPPOSITION BROUGHT GREATER
DETERMINATION**

HEBREWS 12:1-3

THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US THROW OFF EVERYTHING THAT HINDERS AND THE SIN THAT SO EASILY ENTANGLES. AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US, FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF FAITH. FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM, HE ENDURED THE CROSS, SCORNING ITS SHAME, AND SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD. CONSIDER HIM WHO ENDURED SUCH OPPOSITION FROM SINNERS, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT GROW WEARY AND LOSE HEART.



NEHEMIAH 6:10

ONE DAY I WENT TO THE HOUSE OF SHEMAIAH SON OF DELAIAH, THE SON OF MEHETABEL, WHO WAS SHUT IN AT HIS HOME. HE SAID, "LET US MEET IN THE HOUSE OF GOD, INSIDE THE TEMPLE, AND LET US CLOSE THE TEMPLE DOORS, BECAUSE MEN ARE COMING TO KILL YOU—BY NIGHT THEY ARE COMING TO KILL YOU."



NEHEMIAH 6:11-13

BUT I SAID, "SHOULD A MAN LIKE ME RUN AWAY? OR SHOULD SOMEONE LIKE ME GO INTO THE TEMPLE TO SAVE HIS LIFE? I WILL NOT GO!" I REALIZED THAT GOD HAD NOT SENT HIM, BUT THAT HE HAD PROPHESED AGAINST ME BECAUSE TOBIAH AND SANBALLAT HAD HIRED HIM. HE HAD BEEN HIRED TO INTIMIDATE ME SO THAT I WOULD COMMIT A SIN BY DOING THIS, AND THEN THEY WOULD GIVE ME A BAD NAME TO DISCREDIT ME.



NEHEMIAH 6:15-16

SO THE WALL WAS COMPLETED ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF ELUL,
IN FIFTY-TWO DAYS.

WHEN ALL OUR ENEMIES HEARD ABOUT THIS, ALL THE
SURROUNDING NATIONS WERE AFRAID AND LOST THEIR SELF-
CONFIDENCE, BECAUSE THEY REALIZED THAT THIS WORK HAD
BEEN DONE WITH THE HELP OF OUR GOD.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Are you doing a good work right now?

Do you know what your good work is? The thing God has specifically placed in your hands for this season?

Is the work you're focused on today truly from God, or is it just a distraction that keeps you from the greater work He is preparing for you?

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR HUMAN MASTERS, SINCE YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE FROM THE LORD AS A REWARD. IT IS THE LORD CHRIST YOU ARE SERVING.

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