

Living with Purpose

WEEK 3: When You Step Out, Opposition Steps In

BIG IDEA:

Anytime you make a decision to lead your home or marriage spiritually, anytime you choose to take a stand, to be generous, anytime you choose to make a difference, you can expect opposition. When the work goes down, opposition shows up.

KEY VERSES:

Neh.4:1-6+14 - When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?" Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, "What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!" Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders. So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart... Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are the things you are working towards and in what way(s) have you faced opposition?

Key Point #1: Our greatest opposition to living a life with purpose is so often ourselves.

2. What role does your internal dialogue play in distracting you from God's mission?
3. What is your normal response to opposition?

Key Point #2: Remember the Lord and keep fighting!

4. What is filling your heart? Is your heart full of God's purpose?
5. How can you recognize the most important things in your life that God has called you to? How can you intentionally prioritize those things?

Key Point #3: If you are not ready to face opposition for your obedience to God, then you are not ready to be used by God

6. What does it look like for you to make yourself ready, to prepare for the opposition?

MOVING FORWARD:

God can use you and you won't let the voice of opposition stop you, slow you, deter you, or distract you because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. You have the power of Jesus inside of you.