

WE STAND AGAIN

When the Work Gets Hard

Nehemiah 4 | May 3, 2026

“Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

— Nehemiah 4:14

Remembering God’s faithfulness leads to rebuking the enemy’s schemes.

How do we keep rebuilding when the work gets hard, and the voices get loud?

- » We remember how God has previously provided. (Nehemiah 4:14a)
- » We’re so close to God’s Truth that we can spot a lie a mile away. (Nehemiah 4:16-18; Ephesians 6:17b)
- » We keep rebuilding what matters most – bruises and all. (Nehemiah 4:14b, 17)

Sanballat asked, “Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble?” God always knew the answer was yes.

In Ezekiel 37, God brought Ezekiel to a valley of dry bones and asked him, “...can these bones live?” As Ezekiel was prophesying, “...there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Blood Drive on May 4 at Noon

Child Dedication Brunch & Slideshow on May 9

Men’s Event on May 17 at 6:00 PM

Senior Adult Ministry to Ohio Star Theatre on May 20

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Share about a time when you started something important but faced unexpected opposition or discouragement. How did you respond?

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Read Nehemiah 4

- » Why do you think Sanballat and Tobiah were so threatened by the Israelites rebuilding the wall? Who benefits when we stay stuck in our brokenness?
- » Sanballat and Tobiah used discouraging words to undermine the Israelites' confidence. What lies has the enemy been speaking over your life, and what biblical truths can you use to combat them?
- » Nehemiah told the people to 'remember the Lord' before fighting for what mattered. What specific moments of God's faithfulness in your past can you recall when facing current challenges?
- » The sermon described how changing our environment does not always fix our problems. What internal work might God be calling you to address rather than simply changing your circumstances?
- » The sermon emphasized being "so close to God's truth that we can spot a lie a mile away." How are you engaging with God's Word? What specific truths from Scripture help you combat the lies you're most vulnerable to?
- » Refer to the Armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-18. The Israelites worked with one hand and held a weapon in the other. How can we practically "put on the armor of God" while rebuilding broken areas of our lives?
- » **Read Ezekiel 37:1-14.** How does the vision of dry bones coming to life speak to your current situation? What "rattling" might God be doing in areas that seem dead?

NEXT STEPS:

Identify one area where you've been sitting on the sidelines due to fear or discouragement. Take one brave step back into the arena this week, even if it's small.