

## **“Nehemiah: Dreams Can Come True!”**

**Step #4: Deal with Opposition (Nehemiah 4 & 6)**  
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### **How to deal with opposition:**

#### **1. Identify the source.**

- From the outside (4:1-9; 6:1-9)
- From the inside (4:10-23; 6:10-14)
- From the Evil One (1 Peter 5:8-11)

**Personally** ⇒ *If I don't have opposition, I'm either on the wrong side of the battle or on the other side of glory.*

#### **2. Identify their tactics. Critics often...**

- Can't stand alone (4:1-2)
- Use sarcasm (4:1, 3)
- Miss God's involvement (4:2)
- Are consumed by anger (4:1, 7)
- Resort to brute force (4:8)
- Spread false rumors (6:1-8)
- Try to frighten others (6:9)
- Try to trap and discredit others (6:10-13)

#### **3. Identify the Godly way to respond.**

- Don't try to argue with critics (4:9)
- Take everything to God in prayer (4:9)
- Keep serving and following the Lord (4:15+)
- Expect times of unusual sacrifice (4:21-23)
- Don't compromise your integrity (6:1-14)
- Don't be afraid (4:14)

**Remember** ⇒ *The Battle is the Lord's! “Our God will fight for us.” (Nehemiah 4:20)*