



Standing Strong, Facing Opposition

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... So they began the good work. **Nehemiah 2:18** NLT

¹ Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews, ² saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, “What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they’re doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?” ³ Tobiah the Ammonite, who was standing beside him, remarked, “That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!”

⁴ Then I prayed, “Hear us, our God, for we are being mocked. May their scoffing fall back on their own heads, and may they themselves become captives in a foreign land! ⁵ Do not ignore their guilt. Do not blot out their sins, for they have provoked you to anger here in front of the builders.” ⁶ At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm.

Nehemiah 4:1-6 NLT

1. Don't be _____ when you face opposition

- _____ invites opposition
- The _____ opposes God's kingdom

2. Don't let _____ or _____ you

- Don't let _____ get to your _____
- Don't let _____ get to your _____

3. What should we do in the face of opposition?

- _____
- _____

¹⁰ Then the people of Judah began to complain, “The workers are getting tired, and there is so much rubble to be moved. We will never be able to build the wall by ourselves.”

¹¹ Meanwhile, our enemies were saying, “Before they know what’s happening, we will swoop down on them and kill them and end their work.” ¹² The Jews who lived near the enemy came and told us again and again, “They will come from all directions and attack us!” ¹³ So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows. ¹⁴ Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, “Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!”

Nehemiah 4:10-14 NLT

Next Steps:

- Pray and ask God to help me continue to serve him regardless of any opposition
- Ask God to show me what “Good Work” he wants me to do
- Commit to let go of criticism and trust God to fight for me when opposition comes
- Read Nehemiah chapter 4 this week
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