



THE FAITH TO FINISH WHAT WE START

Lessons from the Book of Nehemiah (Part #6)

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am
Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 4: 8-23

Sunday: March 9, 2014
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Introduction:

- A. How do you motivate people to stay focused and **f**_____ the job?
- B. "They built the wall until **h**_____ the height thereof" (Neh 4:6).

I. CHALLENGES AROSE ABOUT HALF WAY THROUGH THE PROJECT.

- A. **Opposition** and **d**_____ arose.
 - 1. "They all conspired to fight against Jerusalem" (Neh 4:7-8).
 - 2. "The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed" (Neh 4:10).
- B. How did Nehemiah respond to their enemies (Neh 4:9)?
 - 1. With **p**_____. "We made our prayer unto God."
 - 2. We "set a watch against them day and night."

II. WHY WERE THE PEOPLE DISCOURAGED?

- A. The people were **exhausted** and nowhere close to completion.
- B. They were filled with **f**_____ and panic (4:10, 12).

III. WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM AND SOLUTION?

- A. **Inappropriate fear.** They forgot **G**____ and listened to their critics.
- B. **Inadequate faith.** They forgot this wall was for God!
- C. **What did Nehemiah do to bring about a solution?**
 - 1. He put their focus on God and His power (Neh 4:14).
 - 2. He concentrated their fortifications (Neh 4:16).
 - 3. He challenged their **f**_____ (Neh 4:14).
 - 4. He validated their **f**_____ (Neh 4:19).

IV. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE "TOO MUCH RUBBLE."

Conclusion: Satan's aim is not to make us atheists, but **q**_____!

May we all be committed to finish what we start!

Notes:

ANSWERS:

God
fellowship
future
fear
prayer
discouragement
half
finish
quitters