

BUILD THE DREAM

Neh 4:6-23

- **HOW DOES ONE STAY ON TASK UNTIL COMPLETE?**
- **“Built the wall and until half the height thereof; for the people had a mind to work” (Neh 4:6).**

The Faith to Finish What we Start

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**“ THE FAITH TO FINISH
WHAT WE START ”**

Neh 4:8-23

Today: 3/9/14

Building Today for a Better Tomorrow

*How To Convict the Sincerely
Deceived of Religious Error*

The Nathan Principle



Today at 5:00 p.m.

Welcome from the Kirkland church family!

“Born to belong to each other”



September 8, 2013

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Neh 4:6-23

- **HOW DOES ONE STAY ON TASK UNTIL COMPLETE?**
- **“Became very wroth, and they all conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem” (Neh 4:7-8).**

All for One and One for the Wall

Samaria

Samaria•

•Sychar

MT. GERIZIM +
(2,890)

River Jordan

•Arimathea

Samaritans

•Ephraim

MEN OF ASHDOD

Ammonites

•Jericho

•Bethabara

•Qumran

ARABS

•Jerusalem

•Bethlehem

•Bethlehem

Herodias

Judea

•Hebron

•Machab

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Neh 4:9-10

THEIR RESPONSE:

- “Made our prayer unto God”
- “Set a watch against them day and night” (4:9)

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Neh 4:9-10

**NEHEMIAH MUST REMOTIVATE
HIS WORK FORCE**

HOW?

WHY DISCOURAGED?

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- **DISCOURAGEMENT SETS IN**
 - People were exhausted: “Strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed” (4:10).
 - Nowhere close to completion: “Too much rubble” (4:10b) & only half way complete (4:6)!

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Neh 4:10-12

- **FEAR AND PANIC SETS IN**
 - **Threatened:** “We will slay them if the work does not cease” (4:10)!
 - “**Jews**: Ten times from all places, you must return to us” (4:12)!

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Neh 4:10-12

➤ WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

➤ Inappropriate Fear.

➤ Forgot the “Gracious hand of God”

➤ Listened to *critics* instead of God.

➤ Inadequate Faith.

➤ Forgot this wall was **for God!**

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Neh 4:10-12

WHAT NEHEMIAH DID:

- Changed their focus and reminded them of God's power!
- 14 “When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke: ‘Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome’ ”

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Neh 4:16-18

WHAT NEHEMIAH DID:

- **Concentrated their fortifications.**
- **“Half of my servants carried on the work while half of them held the spears, the shields, the bows and the breastplates; and the captains were behind the whole house of Judah” (4:16).**

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Neh 4:16-18

- He is illustrating his faith by works:
 - Matt 26:41 “Watch and pray.”
 - Col 4:2 “Continue in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”
 - I Peter 5:7-8 “Be sober and vigilant...”

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Neh 4:14

WHAT NEHEMIAH DID:

- He challenged their future.
 - Remember your Lord, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses” (4:14).
 - We are building today for tomorrow!

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Neh 4:19-20

WHAT NEHEMIAH DID:

- He validated their fellowship.
- "The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall far from one another. 20
"At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. **Our God will fight for us**" (4:19ff)

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Neh 4:19-20

**FELLOWSHIP IS A GREAT
REMEDY FOR
DISCOURAGEMENT!**

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Neh 4:5

WHAT ABOUT “TOO MUCH RUBBLE”?

- There will always be *too much*.
 - We cannot help from a distance.
 - Can be trying, & find it discouraging.
 - We need our church family.

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Neh 4:5

WHAT ABOUT “TOO MUCH RUBBLE”?

- We must be **committed to finish** what we start (Lk 9:62).
- **Satan’s aim is not to make us atheists, but QUITTERS!**

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