



Nehemiah 4:1-23

Nehemiah 4 teaches us how to respond to challenges we face serving the Lord.

1) Pray and keep working (v1-6)

- What does Sanballat and Tobiah's response to the rebuilding work reveal about them?
- How does Nehemiah respond to their opposition and what can we learn from him about responding to criticism or ridicule as Christians?

2) Remember God and keep working (v7-15)

- How does the opposition grow in v7-8 and how does Nehemiah respond?
- What causes the people to become unsettled and weary in v10-12?
- What sort of things discourage us as we seek to serve the Lord?
- What does Nehemiah do to encourage them? How does that help us?

3) Be prepared and keep working (v16-23)

- What does Nehemiah put in place to enable the work to continue?
- What do these verses teach us about the relationship to trusting God and taking action to keep working for him?
- Are there areas of your life where you need to work out the balance of prayerful dependence on God with taking action to keep serving him?