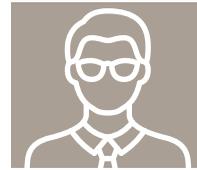




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BUILD 2: OPPOSITION



NEHEMIAH 4

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Today we're in the second week of our series called, **Build**, based on the Old Testament book of Nehemiah.

Key question: How do you rebuild the brokenness of your life?

We can't go it alone, and we can't build our lives and rebuild from the brokenness without God's intervention, provision, and help!

1. When have you tried to rebuild the brokenness of your life without God's help? Were you successful?

We need God's help, especially when we are facing opposition. How do you rebuild the brokenness of your life when you face overwhelming opposition?

Read Neh. 4:1-3. Why are Sanballat and Tobiah so opposed to rebuilding the wall?

The opposition enjoys the status quo where they have their little fiefdoms, and they don't want to lose their "power."

- Old friends who try to hold you back.
- Old memories that keep you locked in the past.
- Addictions that bind you.
- Fear that grips you.
- Doubts that haunt you.



Opposition comes in many forms, but it only has one weapon: FEAR.

The enemy wants to make you afraid. He wants to make you think that you can't do it.



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2. When has fear kept you from believing you can't do something?

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love” (1 John 4:18, ESV).

So, how did Nehemiah overcome the opposition? He prayed and he moved forward!

Key Takeaways:

- It's hard to steer a car that's not moving. Nehemiah trusted God, and he made a move.
- Momentum starts with someone making the first move. Nehemiah jumped in, and then someone else jumped in, and then someone else, and the next thing he knew, “the people had a mind to work.”

Sometimes I use “trusting God” as an excuse for not doing my part.

And sometimes I use “doing my part” as an excuse for not trusting God.

3. What is your next move? How will you trust God AND do your part to build (or rebuild) your life, marriage, family, future, faith, ministry, church amid opposition?

NEXT STEPS:

1. If you would like to explore further your next step in following Jesus, text “FOLLOW” to 317-707-6462. Or, if you'd like to talk with someone on Sunday morning, then as soon as you exit the Worship Center, hang a left, and you'll see our Next Steps Room, where our Prayer and Next Steps team are ready to talk with you.

