

FINISHING STRONG

CHANGE YOUR WORLD IN 52 DAYS, PART 4

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When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it — though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates... Nehemiah 6:1

The Closer You Get To Doing What God Wants Done,
The Harder Your Enemy Will Fight To Stop You.

YOUR ENEMY'S STRATEGY

1) Your Enemy Will Try To _____ You.
Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: "Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono." But they were scheming to harm me; Nehemiah 6:2

Nehemiah's Response: "I'm Not _____
_____."

...so I sent messengers to them with this reply: "I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" Nehemiah 6:3

2) Your Enemy Will Try To Discredit You.

By Spreading Rumors.

Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter in which was written: "It is reported among the nations — and Geshem says it is true — that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king... Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together." Nehemiah 6:5-6, 7

I sent him this reply: "Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head." They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands." Nehemiah 6:8-9

By Tempting You To _____.

(Shemaiah) said, "Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because some people are coming to kill you." ... He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me. Nehemiah 6:10, 12-13

Nehemiah's Response: "I'm Not _____ _____."

But I said, "Should a man like me run away? Or should one like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!" Nehemiah 6:11

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God. Nehemiah 6:15-16

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

For Discussion

1. What could distract you from doing the most important thing God wants you to do?
2. How is the enemy trying to tempt you in order to discredit your integrity?
3. What is God saying to you through this series, and what are you going to do about it?

* All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted