

**“ARISE AND BUILD!”**

**“THE STORY OF NEHEMIAH: RELYING ON THE GOOD HAND OF GOD”**

**PART 4**

**“A CALL TO PERSEVERANCE”**

**“How to Keep Going When You’d Rather Give Up”**

*(Nehemiah 4:7-7:83)*

**INTRODUCTION:**

**OVERVIEW: UNDERSTANDING THE VARIOUS THREATS TO THE MISSION OF GOD AND THE SOURCE OF OPPOSITION TO THE PEOPLE:**

1. Nehemiah and the People faced an \_\_\_\_\_ Threat (Chapter 4)

*“...All of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it.” (4:7, 8)*

2. Nehemiah and the People faced an \_\_\_\_\_ Threat (Chapter 5)

*“...there was a great outcry of the people...” (5:1f)*

3. Nehemiah and the People faced an \_\_\_\_\_ Threat (Chapter 6)

*“...sent a message to me, saying, ‘Come, let us meet together at Chephirim in the plain of Ono.’ But they were planning to harm me.” (6:2)*

**1A. THE STRATEGY OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ – WHAT TO \_\_\_\_\_:**

*The Enemy seeks to...*

1B. ...\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ by... (4:7, 8)

*“...[they] conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem...”*

*—Nehemiah 4:7, 8*

2B. ...\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and... (4:10-12; 5:1-5)

1C. They experienced a loss of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 10a)

*“The strength of the burden bearers is failing...”*

2C. They experienced a loss of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 10b)

*“...yet there is much rubbish...”*

3C. They experienced a loss of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 10c)

*“...and we ourselves are unable to rebuild the wall...”*

4C. They experienced a loss of \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 11)

And our enemies said, "They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them, and put a stop to the work."

5C. They experienced a loss of \_\_\_\_\_ . (5:1-9)

The thing which you are doing is not good..."

3B. ... \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ . (6:1-19)

The Enemy attempted...

1C. ...to \_\_\_\_\_ Nehemiah with **frequent** \_\_\_\_\_ . (6:1-4)

2C. ...to \_\_\_\_\_ Nehemiah with **fabricated** \_\_\_\_\_ . (6:5-9)

3C. ...to \_\_\_\_\_ Nehemiah through **flagrant** \_\_\_\_\_ . (6:10-14)

4C. ...to \_\_\_\_\_ Nehemiah through **factionous** \_\_\_\_\_ . (6:15-19)

## 2A. THE STRATEGY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ – HOW TO \_\_\_\_\_ :

- In the face of rising threats and growing fears, Nehemiah...

1B. ... \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ . (4:13-14a)

"When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people: 'Do not be afraid of them, remember the Lord who is great and awesome...'"

2B. ... \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ . (4:14b-15)

"...and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses... then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work."

3B. ... \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ . (4:16-20)

"I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall far from one another. At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there.

...Our God will fight for us.'"

## CONCLUSION:

"So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month of Elul, in fifty-two days. And when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for **they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.**"

—Nehemiah 6:15, 16