

Facing Opposition

Nehemiah 4:1-15



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DISCOURAGE

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The rebuilding work
was divided out.



When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall he became angry and was greatly incensed and he ridiculed the Jews.

– Nehemiah 4:1

Weapons of Mass
Discouragement

Ridicule

What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring stones back to life from those heaps of rubble burned as they are? – Nehemiah 4:2

Tobia the Ammonite who was by his side said, 'What are they building? Even if a fox climbed upon it, he would break down their wall of stones.' – Nehemiah 4:3

Weapons of Mass Discouragement

Ridicule

Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders. – Nehemiah 4:4-5

So we rebuilt the wall till all of it
reached half its height, for the
people worked with all their heart.
– Nehemiah 4:6

Pray and then
Press On!

But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. – Nehemiah 4:7



Weapons of Mass Discouragement

Ridicule

Physical Threat

But we prayed to our God and
posted a guard day and night to
meet this threat. – Nehemiah 4:9

“Prepare a poultice of figs.”
They did so and applied it to
the boil, and he recovered.
– 2 Kings 20:6-7

Pray and then
Press On!

Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.”

– Nehemiah 4:10

Weapons of Mass Discouragement

Ridicule

Physical Threat

Rumors

Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, “Wherever you turn, they will attack us.” – Nehemiah 4:12

Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. – Nehemiah 4:13

Don't be afraid of them.
Remember the Lord, who is
great and awesome, and **fight for
your families, your sons and your
daughters, your wives and your
homes.** – Nehemiah 4:14

Whenever you hear the sound
of the trumpet join us there and
our God will fight for us.

– Nehemiah 4:20

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