* **… Will Come As DISCOURAGEMENT.**

***7****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.****8****They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.****9But we prayed*** *to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.* ***10****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 4:7-10

**Key: Don’t Let “*What They Said”* Define Your Success Or Who You Are.**

***11****Also our* ***enemies*** *said, “Before they know it or see us,* ***we will be right there among them and will kill them*** *and put an end to the work.”* ***12****Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, “Wherever you turn,* ***they will attack us****.”* ***13****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 4:11-13

**THEREFORE: Pray & Prepare Your WEAPONS**. (2 Cor 10:3-5; Eph 6:10-18

* **… Should NOT Lead To Fear Because God Will Fight Your Battles.**

***14****After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “****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 4:14-15

***20****Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there.* ***Our God will fight for us****!”* Nehemiah 4:19-20

* **… Will Require You To Be EQUIPPPED For Service and To Protect.**

***16****From that day on,* ***half of my men did the work****, while the other* ***half were equipped with spears****, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah****17****who were building the wall.*

Nehemiah 4:16--18

***21****So we continued the work with* ***half the men holding spears,*** *from the first light of dawn till the stars came out...* Nehemiah 4:16-23

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**Standing Strong In the Face Of Opposition**

***10****When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites.* Nehemiah 2:10

***18*** *…”Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.* ***19****But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us.* Nehemiah 2:19-20

**Chapter 3:**

**\_\_ Work Started** Counterclockwise: North wall, West, South, then East.

**\_\_ Key Phrase:** *worked next too.* 16x

**\_\_ The Team: 38 individuals** & **42 groups**…Worked Together / *Next Too*.

**Your Enemies Opposition…**

* **… Will Come As RIDICULE.**

*When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly* ***incensed****. He* ***ridiculed*** *the Jews,****2****and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, “What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?”* ***3****Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!”* Nehemiah 4:1-3

**THEREFORE: Pray And Continue To Work With All Your HEART.**

***4****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.****5****Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face ofthe builders.* ***6****So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.*

Nehemiah 4:4-6