

## SESSION 4



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# READ NEHEMIAH 4:1-23 AND NEHEMIAH 6:1-7:3

*These chapters highlight the external opposition that Nehemiah faced in rebuilding the wall—especially from Sanballat, a significant opponent. Throughout these chapters, we see numerous responses that shape our own response to the threats and opposition we face in our lives. We respond with sustained focus on God and practical vigilance (e.g. v4:14), determination (e.g. 6:1-4), courage, and prayer (e.g. 6:9).*

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. In what ways does opposition arise against Nehemiah in these passages? How did Nehemiah respond?

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**2.** Nehemiah prays multiple times in these passages. List out what he prayed, why he prayed it, and what he was asking God to do. How did God answer these prayers?

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**3.** What was Nehemiah's response to fear (both personal fear and fear in others) in these passages?

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**4.** To whom did Nehemiah give credit for the successes in these passages?

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**5.** Read Nehemiah 6:17-7:3. Who is Tobiah? (Hint: Review Nehemiah 2:19-20 for some additional context.) What, in your view, is Nehemiah frustrated about with his own people in this situation?

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# MESSAGE NOTES

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.** The words “fear” or “frighten” are used multiple times in these two passages. What can we glean from Nehemiah’s response to fear (in himself, in the people, and through hostile intimidation) as followers of Christ and leaders in our home and church?
- 2.** Look through Nehemiah’s prayers in these two passages, then read Romans 12:17-19. How does Nehemiah’s reaction to opposition (and his prayers and actions) square with what you read in Romans 12?
- 3.** Read Nehemiah 6:10-14. What was the goal of Mehetabel and why was Nehemiah able to resist him and foil his plan?
- 4.** Through all of the opposition it seems Nehemiah’s resolve never wavered. Why do you think this could be? How does this compare with how you see others respond to opposition?
- 5.** Do you more often waver or remain steadfast in the face of opposition? And how might we, like Nehemiah, maintain integrity and resolve in the midst of worldly opposition?
- 6.** In what specific situation do you need to remain steadfast in integrity and resolve this week?



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