



Attacks Meant to Distract

Nehemiah 6:1-14

- I. Some attacks meant to distract will be calls to endless, pointless, fruitless _____.
(Nehemiah 6:1-4; Psalm 55:21-23)
- II. Some attacks meant to distract will be _____ by open _____.
(Nehemiah 6:5-9)
- III. Some attacks meant to distract will be _____ of alarm from folks you did not _____ to do you harm.
(Nehemiah 6:10-14)

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. Nehemiah states, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down." What spiritual disciplines help you recognize when a "good opportunity" is actually a disguised distraction?
2. In your own life or ministry, what does it look like to stay on the wall - keeping focused on what God assigned rather than what others demand?
3. How can believers discern between a genuine peacemaker and a counterfeit one who weaponizes diplomacy?
4. What does Nehemiah's refusal to engage teach us about the value of setting godly boundaries - even when they are misunderstood by others?
5. Why is it sometimes unloving to meet with those who only wish to manipulate, not reconcile?
6. Public lies often feel more powerful than private truth. How does faith correct that illusion?
7. How can we respond to false accusations in ways that strengthen the church's witness rather than feed the world's cynicism?
8. Why is silence sometimes a greater act of trust than self-defense? How does Christ's silence before Pilate deepen this principle? (Matthew 27:14)
9. What does this passage teach us about staying at our post - resisting the urge to flee when obedience becomes costly or lonely?
10. How might constant engagement with controversy or social media mimic the "open letter" tactic in today's context?

11. What does Nehemiah's short prayer, "Now strengthen my hands" (v9) teach about how we should respond when words wound or motives are misread?
12. Why is prayer often the most practical form of productivity in God's work?
13. What helps you keep your eyes on "the great work" God has entrusted to you, even when lesser things - resentments, gossip, endless busyness - clamor for attention?