



What Grade Will We Get on Our Kingdom Building Project?

Nehemiah 4:1-23

- I. We can fail by listening to _____, _____, and _____ assessments.
(Nehemiah 4:1-3; Luke 1:37)
- II. We can fail by _____ the enemy's tenacity.
(Nehemiah 4:7-8; I Peter 5:8)
- III. We can fail by giving into _____ our.
(Nehemiah 4:10a; Philippians 4:13; II Corinthians 4:7-9; Isaiah 40:29-31)
- IV. We can fail by convincing ourselves that the work is _____ or by caving into _____.
(Nehemiah 4:10b; Romans 12:11-12)
- V. We can fail by giving into _____.
(Nehemiah 4:11-12; I John 4:18; Psalm 34:7-9; Philippians 4:6)

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. Nehemiah's enemies questioned both the ability and identity of God's people. How does the gospel restore our confidence in who we are and whose we are when our calling is questioned?
2. How does Nehemiah's story remind us that faith thrives not by ignoring opposition, but by interpreting it through the sovereignty of God? (Luke 1:37)
3. Why do you think ridicule and mockery are often Satan's first weapons against the people of God? What does this reveal about the spiritual power of discouraging words?
4. How can recognizing Satan's tenacity actually strengthen our perseverance and anchor our hope in Christ's ultimate victory? (I Peter 5:8-10)
5. Why are physical and emotional exhaustion such fertile soil for spiritual doubt? How can we learn to see our weariness as an invitation to dependence rather than defeat (II Corinthians 4:7-9)?
6. In what ways does Scripture reframe human weakness as the stage for divine strength (Isaiah 40:29-31; Philippians 4:13)?
7. How can you personally build rhythms of rest, prayer, and renewal that guard against burnout while still honoring your calling to labor for Christ?
8. Why is discouragement over "the rubble" (v. 10) such a powerful metaphor for spiritual frustration? What "rubble" in your life or church can distract from the higher call of building God's kingdom?
9. How does spiritual maturity help us see that **removing rubble is part of building walls** - that sanctification often involves clearing out what hinders progress?

10. What do these verses teach about the psychology of fear - how the threat of attack can paralyze God's people even when no attack comes? How can meditating on God's character - His love (I John 4:18), His presence (Psalm 34:7), His peace (Philippians 4:6) - free us from anxious rehearsals of "worst-case scenarios"?
11. Why is the "fear of the Lord" the only kind of fear that liberates rather than enslaves? How does reverent awe transform the way we face life's uncertainties?
12. When you think about your current ministry or calling, what fears most often whisper, "You can't do it" - and how can you silence those voices with Scripture?