NEHEMIAH
REBUILDING FOR GOD'S GLORY

September 29, 2024 | Faithful in Opposition
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SERMON NOTES

Building Block: Faithful in Opposition

1. UNDERSTANDING the Opposition

- EXTERNAL Opposition

- INTERNAL Opposition

2. RESPONDING to Opposition

- PRAYER

- ACTION

- TOGETHER

So what for us?

Nehemiah 4:14 - “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome…”

John 16:33 - “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

GOING DEEPER

Take a moment to pray individually (or with your Life Group). Confess your need for the Holy Spirit's help in illuminating God's Word to you.

Read Nehemiah 4:1-23 and then walk through a few of the questions below. Be encouraged that the goal is not to cover every single question, but to go deeper with God.

What stands out to you in this passage?

Sanballat and Tobiah criticize and mock the Israelites. Why are they unhappy about the rebuilding of the wall? How do they respond to the criticism?

Can you recall a time where someone criticized you for doing good? How did you respond?

In Nehemiah 4:4-5, Nehemiah responds with a strongly worded prayer. What do you think of his prayer? Does it seem harsh? Why/why not?

Sanballat and Tobiah begin plotting an attack. What actions do the builders take in response? (Nehemiah 4:9)

What emotions or feelings do you see in the midst of opposition in this passage?

What is often your first response to fear? What does your response say about where you place your confidence?

What kind of opposition are you facing in your life right now?

What steps can you take to remain faithful in opposition during this season?

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