



I. The Building of Community

- Vs. 5 – A Failure to Respond
- Vs. 20 – An Eagerness to Work
- Vs. 12 – Everyone has a Part
- Vs. 23 – Begin Close to Home

II. Overcoming Discouragement

When God's people attempt to do God's work in God's way, there will always be opposition.

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- The reason that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down was that the hearts of the people were desolate.
- Have you ever allowed past circumstances dictate how you live your life today? Most of us live with restrictions we don't need to live with.

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- In the midst of all that, the ministry of Nehemiah was a breath of fresh air. He needed to speak the words of God at the right moment, and that's what he did.

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- The first thing Nehemiah did was to go to God and say, "Fight for us, Lord." He prayed for God to do battle with their enemies.
- Leaders need to do that.

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- The second thing Nehemiah did was teach the people to fight, to stand firm, and trust that God would use them.
- The community had to stand together to overcome the opposition.

Our Response...

- Are we building the kind of relationships in which somebody will come if we blow a trumpet? If we fall, will there be people there to help us up again?

Our Response...

- The kind of leaders we ought to listen to are those who have made a big place in their lives for God, who speak to him first