

## Defeating Discouragement

Nehemiah chapter 4:1-23

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Key Building Block – **Tenacity**

Key Opposition – **Discouragement**

When the forewarned opposition heats up as we continue rebuilding we can:

1. Give up and say **what's the use?**
2. Slack up and say **now is not the time?**
3. Look up and confess **that we can't do it alone?**

### **You can defeat discouragement with tenacious faith**

- **Anticipate** discouragement
  - People may put you to **derision** – 4:1; 4:3
  - People may put you in **danger** – 4:7-8,11
  - People may **disappoint** you - 4:10,12
    - They point out the problems – 4:10
      - Little **strength**
      - Lots of **Junk**
      - Large **task**
    - They point to the **opposition** – 4:12
- **Deepen** you commitment
  - **Remember** who fights for you! 4:4-5; 15
  - **Remain** committed to the wall - 4:6
  - **Remind** yourself of the cause – 4:14
  - **Reclaim** the purpose of God in your home – fight!
  - **Renew** the work with balance – 4/16-18

Life lessons:

1. The Christians life is growing process wherein we depend on God to help us keep the **balance** in “Building and Battling”.
2. We must build our lives **tenaciously** in spite of the obstacles.