

Oxford Baptist Church ~ October 4/15

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Nehemiah Series: Building to Transform

Nehemiah 4 – “Facing Opposition.”

Scripture: Nehemiah 4, Matt. 5:10; Eph. 6: 10-18

“Opposition happens so we will fight and finish the work with our Awesome God.”

God’s People will face Opposition. (v. 1-5)

Problems and People

- Inside, Outside and Personal Opposition

God’s People will hit some Walls. (v. 6-12)

- Mid-Wall Crisis

Fear (v.12, 14), Fatigue (v. 6, 10) and Falsehoods (v. 6, 11-12)

- Rubble Gazing

God’s People go on the Offence. (v. 13-23)

Faith in Our Great and Awesome God (v. 14, 15, 20)

Prayer, Worship and Service

2Cor 10:3-5

Fight for your Family. (v.14)

Finish the Work.

- The Finished Work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Personal and Life Group Questions

1. Tell a brief story about facing opposition as a follower of Christ or in the community? How did it make you feel? How did you respond?
2. Read Nehemiah 4. What were the different types of opposition that Nehemiah and the people of God were facing?
3. Followers of Christ face opposition. Read Matt 5:10-12. What are the realities and promises from Christ in this passage as we face opposition?
4. What are some examples of inside opposition, outside opposition and personal opposition? How can personal opposition be the result of our own doing?
5. What often causes us to have a “mid-wall crisis” as we are in the midst of a ministry or personal project?
6. How does “rubble gazing” stall or halt our progress?
7. What are some practical ways that Nehemiah deals with the various types of opposition he and the people of God face?
8. How does prayer, worship and persevering service factor in to Nehemiah having victory over the opposition?
9. Read Eph 6:10-18 and 2Cor 10:3-5. What are the practical tools and armour given to us to deal with opposition and discouragement?
10. Why is our fight not against flesh and blood?
11. How can you practically fight for your family and church family?
12. What does God want you to finish that you have been putting off or hit the “mid-wall crisis” in your life?
13. What is the greatest personal take away and application for you personally from this message?