

Further Opposition to the Rebuilding - Nehemiah 6:1-14

Topics: Accusation, Advice, Arguments, Assumptions, Barriers, Choices, Commitment, Conflict, Convictions, Courage, Criticism, Danger, Determination, Discernment, Discouragement, Dishonesty, Enemies, Excuses, Fear, Integrity, Judging Others, Leadership, Lying, Opposition, Peer Pressure, Prayer, Reputation, Restoration, Strength, Temptation, Testing, Work

Open It

1. When have you ever felt intimidated by someone, and how did it make you feel?
- * 2. What would you tell a child who was being picked on by a bully?

Explore It

3. What prompted Sanballat and his associates to send Nehemiah a message? (6:1)
- * 4. What motivated Sanballat and his associates to summon Nehemiah? (6:1-2)
5. What did Sanballat ask of Nehemiah? (6:2)
6. How did Nehemiah respond to Sanballat's invitation? (6:3)
7. What reason did Nehemiah give for why he could not meet with Sanballat? (6:3)
8. What was different about the fifth time Sanballat sent the message to Nehemiah? (6:5-7)
- * 9. How did Nehemiah respond to Sanballat's accusations? (6:8)
10. What did Nehemiah's opponents assume would be the result of their threats? (6:9)
11. From where did Nehemiah receive his strength to continue the work? (6:9)
12. What advice did Shemaiah give to Nehemiah? (6:10)
13. What did Nehemiah think of Shemaiah's advice? (6:11)
14. What insight did the Lord give to Nehemiah regarding Shemaiah's advice? (6:12)
15. What caused Shemaiah to prophesy against Nehemiah? (6:12-13)
- * 16. Why didn't Nehemiah back down as his opponents wanted? (6:12-13)
17. Toward what goal were Nehemiah's enemies working? (6:13)
18. Why did Nehemiah pray? (6:14)

Get It

- * 19. What basic principles did Nehemiah follow when he faced opposition?
20. What sin did Nehemiah want to avoid?
- * 21. In what ways is Nehemiah a good example for us to follow?
22. When do you think it is important to fight back, and when is it better to back down?
23. What opposition do you face in your Christian walk?
24. How can we discern insincerity or dishonesty when we see it?
25. From what work do you think Satan wants to distract you?
26. What temptations threaten to distract you from doing what is right?
27. How can you prevent yourself from being distracted from the work God has given you?
28. To what task or project do you want to recommit your efforts?

Apply It

29. What specific responsibilities or challenges will you face this next week?
- * 30. What specific steps can you take to strengthen your commitment to the responsibilities God has given you?
31. What can you do to prepare yourself for the next time someone tries to influence you through intimidation?