



**UNFINISHED**  
**“Persistence in  
Overcoming Problems”**  
Nehemiah 4  
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- 1) **The challenge of constant criticism** – *disregard it* vs. 1-3
  - a) **The correct comeback** – *deliver them to the Lord* vs. 4-5
  - b) **Continue the course** – *dedicate yourself to the task* v. 6
  
- 2) **Conspiracy compounds the crisis** – *discern the depth of it* vs. 7-8
  - a) **Counteract it through communion with the Lord** – *devote yourself to Him* v. 9a
  - b) **Create a balance** – *determine a way forward* v. 9b
  - c) **Consider that discouragement is certain** – *don't dismiss it* vs. 10-12
  
- 3) **Choose to calculate a plan & champion the cause** – *decide & depend* vs. 13-14
  - a) **Comprehend the concerns** – *don't deny it - they were afraid* v. 14a
  - b) **Coordinate a common sense plan** – *discern & decide the next steps* vs. 13, 16-23

- c) **Compel them to continue in the certainty** *direct your focus to the Lord & depend on Him* vs. 14b, 20
- d) **Challenge people to contend for their clan** – *dare to fight for what matters most* v. 14c
- e) **Collectively come together at the cry** – *demand unity & loyalty* v. 20
- f) **Carry on with the call** – *declare we will forge ahead* v. 15

### **Our Response:**

- 1) Why is criticism, being mocked, ridiculed, discouragement & outright opposition so hard to deal with? How do you deal with it? What is God's answer to these?
- 2) Nehemiah set up a guard day and night against their enemies. What should God's people be on guard against day and night today?
- 3) How can you direct the eyes of others to the great & awe-inspiring Lord as Nehemiah did (4:14,20)? Why is this critical when facing opposition?
- 4) Nehemiah struck a balance between prayer, preparation & action. Why is this necessary? How can you do this in your daily walk with the Lord?
- 5) Share a time you experienced a season discouragement or criticism or even worse ridicule and opposition. What did you do? More importantly what did the Lord do and what do you learn?