

FROM THE GROUND UP

A study on the book of Nehemiah

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PART 3:
IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION
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Nehemiah believed that God could do the impossible and started leading the charge to rebuild the wall in Jerusalem, despite the opposition. God has called you to a task or purpose as well, and he wants you to keep building and fighting to protect it.

Discussion Questions

1. Often, we don't face opposition when we're doing something wrong—we face it when we're doing something right. When have you faced opposition when trying to accomplish something significant? How did you handle it?
2. Where are you currently facing opposition in your life? What's your reaction to that opposition? Do you get discouraged or preoccupied from what you're trying to achieve, or does it make you want to work even harder toward your goal?
3. When something important is on the line, distractions will inevitably pop up to take you off course. What is distracting you from what God has called you to? What do you need to start saying *no* to in order to sharpen your focus?
4. Critics are everywhere. And they tend to be insecure, thinking only about themselves and their desire for power and comfort. How can you stand firm in the face of adversity and not give up?

Challenge

Talk with your family or close friends this week about what you believe God has placed on your heart during this series. Do you sense a passion toward a cause or a project? Encourage each other to seek it out and to pray for God to reveal the direction he wants to go with it.

Commit to Memory

The joy of the Lord is your strength! **Nehemiah 8:10b**