

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Sunday September 13, 2020

Nehemiah 4:15-23

Workers and Warriors

INTRODUCTION

- Describe a time in your life where you felt you had to fight for something?
- What is one area of your life where you feel you might need stronger faith?

As we take a deeper look into the second half of Nehemiah 4 we see that the story of the rebuilding and opposition continues. This week we will learn about faith in the midst of opposition. Let's pause and pray, asking the Lord to reveal truth to our hearts and that our faith will become stronger as we study and discuss. Here is a verse to focus our hearts as we begin.

Jude 24–25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (ESV)

INTO THE BIBLE

Read Nehemiah 4:15-23

As you read through these verses, distinguish what you observe about Nehemiah, the opposition and the people of Judah.

- Where are they?
- What are they doing?
- What is their posture?

This week we learned that this chapter is filled with examples of opposition and "faith in action."

- What are some of the ways you might describe the opposition that is threatening the people and the progress of rebuilding the wall?
- What are some of the different actions of faith that you observe?
- Describe some oppositions that you are aware of today that might reflect the same sort of opposition that the Jews were experiencing.
- How might these faith actions (described in this chapter) correlate with actions of faith we might take today?
- In what ways did the people of Judah work together as they stood their ground and continued to rebuild?
- What are some of the reasons why “working together” is important?
- What are some of the things you learn about God from Nehemiah 4?
- What are some of the things you learn about God and his people in the midst of opposition and struggle?
- What comes to mind when you read verse 20, “...our God will fight for us?”

APPLICATION

- What has the Lord impressed upon you from this week’s look at Nehemiah 4?
- In what ways might God be inviting you to step out in faith and continue the fight in the midst of struggle and/or opposition?
- From what you have learned from this chapter, and the truths of scripture that you are aware of, in what ways has God “fought for you” in the midst of your current struggle/opposition?
- This chapter described the people of Judah as having great faith as they stood guard, held weapons and yet continued to build – together as a community. Which one of these descriptions would you say is the weakest in your own life right now?
- What steps might you be willing to take to move toward strengthening this area in your life?

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (ESV)