

The Time is Now:
Overcoming Obstacles: Discouragement

The enemy will:

1) Discourage you from the outside

Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. **2** And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?" **3** Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!" Nehemiah 4:1-3

2) Discourage you from the inside

In Judah it was said, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. Nehemiah 4:10

2 Ways We Can Overcome the Opposition of Discouragement:

❖ **Remember God**

...Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome. Nehemiah 4:14

❖ **Remember the cause**

...and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes." Nehemiah 4:14