

The Time is Now - Week 4

Overcoming Distractions

Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), - Nehemiah 6:1

Your enemy's strategy:

1. Your enemy will try to distract you

Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. -Nehemiah 6:2

Our Response: I'm not coming down

And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" -Nehemiah 6:3

2. Your enemy will try to discredit you

Our Response: I'm not giving up

But I said, "Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in." -Nehemiah 6:11

So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.

¹⁶And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. -Nehemiah 6:15-16

Those who are most successful are those who are most focused