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FINISH THE WALL

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"He was hired that I should be made afraid and do as he said and sin, that they might have matter for an evil report with which to taunt and reproach me." Nehemiah 6:13 NKJV

God has called all of those who are born again Christians to fulfill our kingdom purpose. Ultimately we are to be ambassadors for Christ in this world so our life becomes a testimony and potential inspiration to entice others to receive Christ into their lives.



The job of Nehemiah was to rebuild Jerusalem as a place for God's people to dwell to worship the Lord and reveal God to the world through them. Our lives are steadily being built by the Holy Spirit as we are taught how to live for God in a very ungodly world. Just as Nehemiah had enemies who did not want him to succeed in rebuilding the city of Jerusalem, our enemy is Satan and he does not want the walls of our heart to be strengthened and secure in Christ. For many young people Satan uses their peers to make them afraid to reveal their stand for Christ. He hopes the need for peer approval is greater than their love for the Lord. Nehemiah was being pressured to give in to the name calling and hate mail he was receiving. The desire to stop his progress was so intense a false prophecy was given to him by someone he thought he could trust. The fear of being murdered was being used to entice Nehemiah to sin against God by hiding in the temple where the priests would be. Nehemiah realized this was not information coming from God as it would lead him to sin against God. He was afraid but he could not let his fear result in destroying his character and ruin his credibility.

Satan hasn't changed his tactics. Remember he still wants to kill, steal and destroy. He banks on fear as a sure method to cause us to use faulty reasoning. Decide today I can fulfill my kingdom purpose even if it means being laughed at, teased, or misunderstood by others. I will not let my fear become my character assassination. Never run from the challenges you face as you will fall into a pit. Pursue the passion and goals God has given you and face opposition knowing the work God has started in you will be finished. They finished the wall and Jerusalem was established. We are finishers not quitters because God is the one who strengthens our hands (v9).

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