Nehemiah

Part 6 – Chapter 4

Opposition to the Work of God

* Review
* Prayer and prudence (vv. 7-23)
  + Opposition increases (4:7-8)
  + Corporate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4:9a)
  + Practical steps to defend and fight (4:9b)
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ struggles (4:10)
  + Responding in wisdom to what you know (4:11-13)
  + Deal with fear by remembering the Lord (4:14a)
  + Fear and corporate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4:14b)
  + How did the enemies interpret the response of the Jews? (4:15)
  + Returning to the work in wisdom (vv. 15-18)
    - Half build, half stand ready to fight
    - Everyone carries weapons
  + Encouragement and focus on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20)
  + A plan to help one another (v. 20)
  + Everyone stays in Jerusalem (v. 22)
  + “the men of the guard” (v. 23)
  + Always on guard
* Leadership insights
  + Leaders know that the best way to deal with opposition is to pray and stay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on working together to fulfill God’s will
  + Notice the responses:
    - Engage in corporate prayer
    - Take practical steps to address the problem (vv. 9b, 13)
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with your heart, don’t ignore it (vv. 10, 14)
    - Learn what you can and respond accordingly (vv. 11-12)
    - Leaders, point others to the Lord’s character and sufficiency (vv. 14, 20)
    - Fear is best addressed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: prayer together (v. 9), group together (v. 13), fight together and for one another (v. 14), help one another (v. 20) for “*Our* God will fight for us!”