

Restoring The Gate: A Journey of Renewal Through Nehemiah

(Nehemiah 4)

“Building Through Opposition”

September 28, 2025

I. _____ Opposition (vv. 1-6)

“When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious. He mocked the Jews...” (Nehemiah 4:1, CSB)

Application: At *The Gate*, resistance doesn’t mean we’re failing—it means we’re on the right path.

II. _____ on Your Knees (vv. 4-9)

“So we prayed to our God and stationed a guard because of them day and night.” (Nehemiah 4:9, CSB)

Application: Our restoration must be rooted in prayer. We fight spiritual battles on our knees.

III. _____ Fear with Faith (vv. 10-14)

“Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.” (Nehemiah 4:14, NIV)

Application: At *The Gate*, discouragement is real, but God is greater. Faith overcomes fear.

IV. _____ and _____ Together (vv. 15-23)

“The laborers who carried the loads worked with one hand and held a weapon with the other.” (Nehemiah 4:17, CSB)

Application: We must build God’s church while staying spiritually armed with prayer, Scripture, and unity.

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Small Group Discussion – Week 4

Title: Building Through Opposition

Text: Nehemiah 4:1–23

Icebreaker

- Share about a time when you faced opposition or pushback while trying to do something good or right. How did you respond?
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Digging Into the Word

1. Read Nehemiah 4:1–6. How did Sanballat and Tobiah try to stop the work? Why do you think opposition often begins with words?
 2. What does Nehemiah’s prayer in verses 4–5 teach us about responding to ridicule or resistance?
 3. In verses 10–12, the workers grew tired and fearful. What does this reveal about the emotional toll of opposition?
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Applying the Word

4. Nehemiah told the people: “*Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome*” (v. 14). How can remembering God’s greatness help us face opposition today?
 5. The builders worked with a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other (v. 17). What might that look like for us as believers today—building and battling at the same time?
 6. How can *The Gate* stay united and encourage one another when discouragement and opposition arise?
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Going Deeper

7. What “opposition” might you personally be facing right now—spiritually, emotionally, or relationally?
 8. How can this group support and pray for you so you can keep building through it?
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Prayer Time

- Pray for courage and faith in the face of opposition.
 - Ask God to strengthen weary hearts at *The Gate*.
 - Pray for unity, so that when the trumpet sounds, the church stands together.
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Your voice matters. We’d love to hear what God is showing you through these questions. Please share your thoughts by emailing us at info@thegateoc.com — your insights will help shape the renewal and restoration of The Gate.