

## Nehemiah: Day 10 of 52

In any spiritual journey worth taking there are going to be times of opposition. The discouragement may come from naysayers and the outside.

The people laboring with Nehemiah faced this discouragement. Before the work even began there was opposition. **Nehemiah 2:10** “When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard it, they were deeply distressed that a man had come to seek the well-being of the children of Israel.” Then in 2:19, “But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Gesham the Arab heard of it they laughed at us and despised us, and said, ‘What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king.’?” So people are angry and they ridicule Nehemiah and the laborers, and falsely accuse them of rebellion against the King.

The people began the work anyway, and in Nehemiah 4 the opposition continues and rises to even physical threats. The work continues even to the walls being built to half their needed height by verse 6. There will always be naysayers and opposition but we must stay to the task given to us by the Lord and continue trusting in Him. Tomorrow I will share a little about how to deal with the discouragement that comes from the difficulty of the task.

### Next Steps:

- Keep sharing your prayer requests with one another and keep praying God is moving.
- We are ten days into the prayer challenge with forty-two left to go. That is 6 full weeks. There is a lot that can change in 6 weeks!
- Please pray for souls to be saved and people added to God’s church on a daily basis.
- If you have not connected with a small group on Wednesday nights try to attend tonight. There are bible studies for all ages. Contact the office if you need help with information on where to plug in!

If you have questions you want to ask or testimony you want to share, I would love to hear it. You can email me at [tommy.k@elbchurch.org](mailto:tommy.k@elbchurch.org) or text/call at 337 424 8407.

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