



RISE UP AND BUILD

A STUDY IN NEHEMIAH

Faithful to the Mission

Nehemiah 6:1-14

**Faithfulness to God's work is realized
as His people submit their lives
to the power of the Holy Spirit.**



Faithful in the Ordinary-v.1-4

- **1 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), 2 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. 3 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?” 4 And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. Nehemiah 6:1–4, ESV**



Faithful when Falsely Accused-v.5-9

- **5 In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. 6 In it was written, “It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king. 7 And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, ‘There is a king in Judah.’ And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together.” Nehemiah 6:5–7, ESV**



Faithful when Tempted-v.10-14

- **10 Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, “Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night.” Nehemiah 6:10, ESV**
- **13 For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. Nehemiah 6:13, ESV**



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- **Jesus lived, died, and was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit**



For Reflection and Repentance

- **What tempts you to believe that your work is too ordinary to matter to God and His mission?**
- **Why do we tend to respond to accusations by defending ourselves?**
- **What sin is threatening to take you “off-mission”?**
- **How does remembering Jesus’ faithfulness to God’s work encourage you to be faithful?**

