



FIGHT FOR THE FAMILY
Nehemiah 4:14

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"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

There are many analogies in Scripture as to what is happening in our lives and faith in the 21st century, for example, Nehemiah rebuilding the walls out of the rubble of a ruined city. Like the ancient city of Jerusalem, the walls have fallen down around our families and communities of faith, and it is time for those whose hearts God has touched to "rise up and build."

I. The Burden of the Building—Calling and Heart. *Nehemiah 1-2:11*

- A. The rubble around—surveying the damage. *Nehemiah 1:11, 17, 18*
- B. The rebel within—guarding your heart. *Nehemiah 5:1-13; 13:23-30; Malachi 2:13-17*
- C. The rabble without—giving out and giving up. *Nehemiah 4:10*

II. Ridicule, Intimidation, Life Threat. *Nehemiah 4:1-3, 7, 11*

- A. The battle on the battlements—the weapons.
 - 1. The man with the trumpet. *Nehemiah 4:20; Numbers 10:1-2*
 - 2. Prayer—the watchman on the wall. *Nehemiah 4:20*
 - 3. The Word—the sword of the Spirit. *Nehemiah 8:2-5*
 - 4. The family of God. *Nehemiah 4:14-15*
- B. The barriers: beams, bolts and bars—the gatekeepers.

III. The Fish Gate, Horse Gate, the Inspection Gate.

- A. Sheep Gate—refuse to conform.
- B. Dung Gate—get rid of the garbage.
- C. Valley Gate—check your priorities.
- D. Old Gate Jeshanah—value the ancient. *Nehemiah 3:6*