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!”