

Something Worth Fighting For

Nehemiah 4: 1 - 23

If the very heart of what you believe and are trying to do is being mocked and ridiculed by powerful people with influence, would you keep on keeping on, both guarding your heart and doing the work?

Sanballat

- An influential Samaritan leader who hated the Jews and for the last 13yrs had prevented work beyond the temple area.
- His Tools of Trade: Contempt, condemnation, blame and outright lying.
- He mocked their skills, he mocked their sacrifice to God, he even laughed at their building material.
- Have you ever felt the pain of mockery? Have you ever felt it was not worth going on?
 - Insults, Attacks and Discouragement: CONFUSION
- These are common tools because they are powerful tools. They work.

Interesting Prayer

- We are despised, insulted. Let this be their experience.
- Let them be as victims to someone.
- Don't cover or ignore their guilt and sin. Let them feel the consequences of their rejection of you.

Faithful Response

- Then the work went ahead infuriating the Evil One and the non-GOD leaders and nations.
- So they planned attacks against Jerusalem, the heart of God's presence.
- BUT we prayed and posted a guard day and night and kept on working!

The Price of Being Feet to Prayer

- **Our laborers are wearing out. We have to work so hard to remove the rubble before we can put up the wall, we'll not get done.**
- **Our enemies threaten to infiltrate us and kill us in the middle of our work!**
- **Our allies are telling us “Watch out!”**
- **Nehemiah re-arranged their protection and then reset the matters of Mission and Vision.**

Renewal of Vision and Purpose

- Don't be afraid of the enemy
- Remember God and who HE is!
- “You fight for your brother, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your homes.” 4:14
- The enemies heard and were frustrated by God, and the people were able to go back to work but with an alertness and a focus greater than before.
- Wherever you hear the trumpet – join us there.

OUR GOD WILL FIGHT FOR US

Conclusion

- With this great willingness to lay down their lives for one another, with this powerful unity, with this incredible support – cemented together with the deep faith that “God will fight for us.”
- The walls were being built. God’s call to be a holy people was becoming a reality.
- Holiness is not just an individual responsibility, it takes a community.
- Nehemiah in prayer is –
 - Patient before God
 - Confident in his unfolding plan and timing

The Invitation

**Fill out a pew card with a prayer request
Put them in the Offering Plate**

Come at 6:30pm

The House of Prayer

Tonight

Join in

The Word

Confession

And Prayer

Be a Nehemiah