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**Nehemiah 6:1-4**

**Lessons on Solving a Problem in Nehemiah**

1. The Problem Reported - Nehemiah 1:1-3
2. The Prayer Over the Problem - Nehemiah 1:4-11
3. The Overcoming of Obstacles - Nehemiah 2:1-10
4. The Preparation for the Work - Nehemiah 2:11-18

* Invested in time in examining the broken walls
* Thoroughly examined the broken walls
* Personally thought it through
* Communicated the need to fix the walls
* Rallied together as workers

1. The Persecution of the Work - Nehemiah 2:19-20

* The devil
* The world
* The flesh

1. The Selecting of the Personnel - Nehemiah 3:1-32

* The spiritual application of the work
  + Sheep Gate – The Cross (John 1:29, Isaiah 53:6)
  + Fish Gate – Soulwinning (Matthew 4:19)
  + Old Gate – The Old Paths (Surrender) Jeremiah 6:16
  + Valley Gate – Humility (1 Peter 5:6)
  + Dung Gate – Putting Away the Filth of the Flesh (2 Corinthians 7:1)
  + Fountain Gate – The Flowing of the Holy Spirit
  + Water Gate – The Word of God (Ephesians 5:26)
  + Horse Gate – Soldiers in Service (Proverbs 21:31)
  + East Gate – The Second Coming of Christ (Ezekiel 43:2)
  + Miphkad (Inspector) Gate – Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10)
  + Sheep Gate – The Cross (Come full circle to the Cross)
* The people in the work.
* The accountability of the work.
* They all had specific tasks.
* They were connected to do God’s work.

1. The Start of the Work - Nehemiah 4:1-6

* Brought more intense persecution (Nehemiah 4:1-3)
* Required more prayer (Nehemiah 4:4-5)
* Inspired more work (Nehemiah 4:6)
  + Mind – Inner man, will, heart, understanding
  + Consider theology of the work
    - Under creation
    - Under the curse
    - Under Christ

1. The Response to Outward Attacks - Nehemiah 4:7-23

* Three Threats
  + Ridicule
  + Personal threats
  + Inward struggles
    - Discouragement
    - Intimidation/fear
* Three Responses to the Threats
  + Faith
  + Diligence – The building
  + The Sword – The Battle

Matthew 16:18

1. The Response to Inward Sin - Nehemiah 5:1-19

* The sin of the Jews – Nehemiah 5:1-5
* The repentance of the Jews – Nehemiah 5:6-13, Proverbs 28:13
* The selflessness of Nehemiah – Nehemiah 5:14-19

Remember

Achan – Joshua 7:1-26

Ananias & Sapphira – Acts 5:1-11

1. **The Refusal to be Distracted - Nehemiah 6:1-4**

* A cordial invitation
  + Because of the progress
  + With the purpose of mischief
* A Courageous Response
  + The work is great
  + The distraction is not worth it – James 1:13-15

Things that distract: Mark 4:17-20; Luke 8:14

* Affliction
* Persecution
* Cares of the world
* Deceitfulness of riches
* The lust of things
* Pleasures of this life
* A consistent invitation and response
  + The invitation was persistent
  + The response was persistent

Consider: Philippians 3:13-14; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Hebrews 12:1-2

1. The Stand Against Fear - Nehemiah 6:5-9
2. The Courage of Faith - Nehemiah 6:10-14
3. The Completion of the Work - Nehemiah 6:15-16