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**Nehemiah 4:7-23**

**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
2. The Refusal to be Distracted - Nehemiah 6:1-4
3. The Stand Against Fear - Nehemiah 6:5-9
4. The Courage of Faith - Nehemiah 6:10-14
5. The Completion of the Work - Nehemiah 6:15-16