

Rebuilding Our Defense
Nehemiah 6 & 7
Completion Does Not Mean It's Over

“For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, ‘Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.’ But now, O God, strengthen my hands.”

Nehemiah 6:9

Life Application: Do not let intimidation affect your faithfulness to His call.

Nehemiah mentions “fear” or “being afraid” or “intimidation” 4 times (6:9, 13-14, 16 and 19).

Frighten (v.)- to make afraid; to intimidate; to strike fear into the heart of another; to be in a state of feeling great distress.

Point: Finishing the work God calls us to stands as a testimony to others of His great power.

It's so easy to talk ourselves out of finishing what God has called us to or thinking the task is too great. But remember what Jesus told His disciples:

“Truly, truly I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; greater works than these will he do...”

John 14:12

Point: The ongoing work of God needs faithful, Godly leadership.

“I gave my brother Hanani and Hananiah the governor of the castle charge over Jerusalem, for he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many.”

Nehemiah 7:2

The pattern of Godly leadership needed is replete through the pages of the Scriptures.

Point: Faithful completion of God's work affects more people than we think.

“The whole assembly together was 42,360, besides their male and female servants, of whom were 7,337.”

Nehemiah 7:66-67

The result of rebuilding the walls was the residents of Jerusalem could now safely return and live in safety.

What might rebuilding the walls of Hope Church mean to our community?

Personal Application...

Faithfulness to the call of God will require us to stand up to our fears and enemies. Stand firm, knowing that your work affects others and testifies to the greatness of God!

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, July 19th, 2015

Next week: Guest preacher Pastor Jerry Edinger