

Worship with us in the Word

Realities in the Midst of Discouragement Nehemiah 4:7-14

During the wall construction – Conflicts abound!

1. Ridicule given by the outsiders 4:1-6

- Nehemiah's first response: PRAYER
- Nehemiah's second response: Build on!

God often allows us to experience "a half-time" vulnerability in a task for Him.

2. Opposition expands by a lot – 4:7-9

- Nehemiah's first response: PRAYER
- Nehemiah's second response: Set the guards!

God wants us to have both a deep trust in Him and an intense practicality.

3. Discouragement comes to the wall builders – 4:10 -14

- Focus shifted... initial enthusiasm was gone
- Nehemiah's method: Prepare intentionally!

God places us in exposed places for a specific purpose.

- Nehemiah's message: Refocus!
 - "Remember the Lord..."
 - "and fight..."

Remember what is true... not upon what is discouraging!

How does any of this happen in a person's life?

...through the gospel's redemptive work that is pictured through the Lord's Table!

Next week: Nehemiah 4:15-5:19