

"FIGHTING FOR YOUR FAMILY" Nehemiah 4:10-23

Today I will be preaching the final sermon in our "Family Talk" series. Coming off the heels of Charlie Kirk's assassination, the unprovoked stabbing of the young lady on a train in Charlotte, and the guy who repeatedly shot into a church school filled with praying children, we've certainly got something to talk about this morning. The message is entitled, *"Fighting For Your Family."*

Let's be honest. Satan is a vile, evil fallen angel. He targets our families and our biblical worldview. That fact should come as no surprise to us. Consider the fact that in the Garden of Eden, he introduced rebellion against God to Adam and Eve. He disrupted the marriage of Adam and Eve. He created such conflict between their two sons that Cain ended up murdering Abel. From one end of the Bible to the other, we can trace his fiendish attacks on families.

Don't be naïve. He wants to destroy your marriage. He wants to lead your kids astray. He wants to turn your dreams into nightmares. He wants to introduce his buffet of destructive heresies to you and yours:

- **Traditional marriage is oppressive.**
- **LGBTQ+ rights must be celebrated.**
- **Sexual freedom is a human right.**
- **Gender is self-determined.**
- **Filthy entertainment is harmless.**
- **Socialism is better than capitalism.**
- **Lawlessness is the path to social justice.**

In light of the danger this poses to the Christian family, we need to respond appropriately. Take your Bible and turn to Nehemiah 4. Nehemiah was a Jewish man who served as a cupbearer to King Artaxerxes in Persia. He received a report that the walls of Jerusalem were basically a pile of rubble. God called him to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

The task was daunting. Satanic opposition was fierce. In fact, the city was completely surrounded by enemies!

- **To the north were Sanballat & the Samaritans**
- **To the east were Tobiah and the Ammonites**
- **To the south were Geshem and the Arabs**
- **To the west were the Ashdodites**

As the enemy saw the work progressing, they became angry and planned a secret attack against Jerusalem. If Satan could prevent Nehemiah from accomplishing his God-given mission, he could destroy the nation and frustrate God's plan to provide salvation for sinners.¹

READ NEHEMIAH 4:9-23

Look at verse 14 again. It contains the cause we must embrace. . .

¹ Warren W. Wiersbe, [*Be Determined*](#), "Be" Commentary Series (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 53–54.

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Here's the first step you must take. . .

1. TRUST THE LORD.

Nehemiah 4:9–10... But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set up a guard against them day and night. **10** Thus in Judah it was said, "The strength of the burden bearers is failing, Yet there is much rubbish; And we ourselves are unable to rebuild the wall."

Pray For Your family

Never underestimate the power of prayer or the privilege of prayer.

Ephesians 3:20–21... Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, **21** to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 6:18... With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.

Pray for your spouse. Pray for your kids. Pray for your parents. Pray for the grandparents. Pray for your church!

Fight Through The Discouragement

All the rubbish from the demolished wall was a great hindrance. Then there was the scoffing and mocking of the enemy (4:1-3).

Nehemiah 4:11... Our enemies said, "They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them and put a stop to the work."

This is not an easy fight. We must learn to focus on the opportunity in front of us instead of the obstacles around us!

Galatians 6:9... Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

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How do we do it? First, we trust the Lord. Secondly. . .

2. REMEMBER THE LORD.

Nehemiah 4:11–14... Our enemies said, "They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them and put a stop to the work." **12** When the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times, "They will come up against us from every place where you may turn," **13** then I stationed *men* in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the exposed places, and I stationed the people in families with their swords, spears and bows. **14** When I saw *their fear*, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people: "Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and

awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses."

Nehemiah and the Jews were seeking to build the city wall for their own protection, and they were doing so in obedience to the Lord and His Word. In spite of these noble causes, the enemy sought to do violence against them. Nehemiah said, "Remember the Lord!" Focus on the Lord and the victory that only He can bring!

Reinforce Your Weak Points

Know where you are vulnerable. Do you know the weak points in your family? Do you know where the enemy is prone to attack? Is it your biblical convictions? Is it your devotional life? Is it setting boundaries for your kids? Teenagers, is it your social media activity? Men, is it pornography or some other form of addiction?

Dig into the Word and find out what the Lord would have you to do to shore up that vulnerability.

Prepare For The Battle

Like it or not, we're in a spiritual and an ideological war. Your family is in the cross hairs of the enemy. Paul wrote. . .

Ephesians 6:10–13... Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5... For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, **4** for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. **5** *We are* destroying speculations and

every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

You must fight this battle with spiritual weapons!

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Trust the Lord. Remember the Lord. Finally. . .

3. HONOR THE LORD.

Nehemiah 4:15–17... When our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had frustrated their plan, then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work. **16** From that day on, half of my servants carried on the work while half of them held the spears, the shields, the bows and the breastplates; and the captains *were* behind the whole house of Judah. **17** Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens took *their* load with one hand doing the work and the other holding a weapon.

Keep Serving The Lord

Refuse to quit. Persist until you finish the job!
What does the enemy want you to give up on?
Your marriage? Your ministry? Your connect
group? Your desire to read through the Bible?
Don't give up!

I want to let go, but I won't let go.

There are battles to fight,
By day and by night
For God and the right
And I'll never let go!

I want to let go, but I won't let go.

I'm sick, 'tis true,
And worried and blue
And worn out through and through
But I won't let go.

I want to let go, but I won't let go.

I will never yield.

What? Lie down on the field

And surrender my shield?

No, I'll never let go!

I want to let go, but I won't let go.

May this be my song,

Mid legions of wrong,

O God keep me strong

So I'll never let go.

CONCLUSION

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1. TRUST THE LORD

2. REMEMBER THE LORD

3. HONOR THE LORD

- **Fight to keep your marriage vows**
- **Fight to end selfishness in your relationship**
- **Fight to encourage your spouse**
- **Fight to be a disciplined parent**
- **Fight to protect your children**
- **Fight to see your kids grow spiritually**
- **Fight to instill truth into your kid's heart**
- **Fight to see addictions crushed**

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