

When Life Gets Hard . . .

“Overcoming Discouragement”

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WHY DO I GET DISCOURAGED?

#1. _____

“The strength of the laborers is giving out...” (4:10a)

“So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height...” (4:6 NKJV)

#2. _____

“...and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.” (4:10b NKJV)

#3. _____

“...we cannot rebuild the wall.” (4:10c)

#4. _____

“Our enemies said, ‘Before they know what is happening or see a thing, we will be right in the middle of them. We’ll kill them and bring the work to an end.’” (4:11 GW)

“Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, ‘Wherever you turn, they will attack us.’” (4:12)

HOW CAN I OVERCOME DISCOURAGEMENT?

Nehemiah offered his people six things that Jesus Christ continues to offer each of us.

#1. _____ (4:13)

“We fight with weapons that are different from those the world uses. Our weapons have power from God that can destroy the enemy’s strong places.” (2 Corinthians 10:4 NCV)

#2. _____

“...remember the Lord who is great and awesome...” (4:14)

“If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:28 NKJV)

“Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

“And my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” (Psalm 23:4)

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13)

“You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You.” (Isaiah 26:3 NKJV)

#3. _____

“...and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes...” (4:14b)

#4. _____ (4:16-18)

#5. _____

“The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us.” (4:19-20)

“... I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families...” (4:13)

#6. _____

“Every man and his servant should stay overnight in Jerusalem so that we can set a guard at night and work during the day.” (4:22 GW)

“Be on your guard and stay awake. Your enemy, the devil, is like a roaring lion, sneaking around to find someone to attack.” (1 Peter 5:8 CEV)

Jesus is your cure for discouragement...

“Come to Me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Accept My teachings and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives. The teaching that I ask you to accept is easy; the load I give you to carry is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30 NCV)