

**July 21, 2024**

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## **Nehemiah 4**

### **Overall Theme**

God has called you to both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Our approach must be both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

- ✓ Meekness is not weakness, and peace is not always passive

**It is possible to \_\_\_\_\_ your enemy and still \_\_\_\_\_ against their success**

- ✓ Act and react Biblically

**We must \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ our families**

- ✓ Take a stand for what is important to you – defend your bean patch

**Never lose sight of the awesome \_\_\_\_\_ of your sovereign God**

- ✓ How you respond to attacks speaks of your love for God and His Word

**God has called us to both build and defend**

- ✓ Build your life around God's principles and defend it with His armor

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## **Sermon Talks**

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Can you remember a time when you needed to defend something? What were the circumstances? How did the situation turn out?
3. Reread Nehemiah 4:4-5. Have you ever prayed like that? If so, how has God responded?
4. How do you tend to react to opposition? What are strategies you utilize, good or bad?
5. When facing opposition, is prayer your first line of defense or last resort? Explain.
6. How do you deal with physical, spiritual, and cultural attacks?
7. How has God answered your prayers and given you victory over physical, spiritual, and cultural attacks?
8. Read the following passages: Psalm 34:19, Proverbs 24:10, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 1 Peter 5:10. How do these verses encourage us and help us in times of trouble?
9. Be in continual prayer for strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit in this area. Do not forget to put on the Full Armor of God daily (Ephesians 6:10-18).

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Nehemiah 4) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?