

SCHRADER LANE CHURCH OF CHRIST

A JOURNEY THROUGH NEHEMIAH / WEEK 07

Build Anyway

KEEP BUILDING THROUGH RESISTANCE

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THIS WEEK'S FOUNDATION

Resistance does not cancel a God-given assignment. Pray, post the guard, remember the Lord, and keep building. The tools are in our hands, but the outcome is in God's hands.

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THE BLUEPRINT

Build through resistance

When the wall became visible, opposition intensified. Nehemiah answered ridicule with prayer and measurable progress, protected the work, strengthened weary builders, and trusted God with the outcome.

1

DO NOT LET RIDICULE REDEFINE YOU

Weariness is a condition, not an identity. Some criticism does not deserve another explanation; it deserves another brick.

2

PRAY AND POST THE GUARD

Mature faith kneels before God and then stands at its post. Prayer and responsible preparation belong together.

3

REPOSITION, REINFORCE, REMEMBER

When rubble makes the work heavy, support exposed people and recover the memory of the Lord who is great and glorious.

4

KEEP THE TOOL AND WEAPON CLOSE

Opposition altered the method, but it did not cancel the mission. Keep working, stay in the Word, and remain within hearing distance of community.

5

LOOK TO THE GREATER BUILDER

Jesus was mocked, misunderstood, and threatened, yet He never abandoned the Father's assignment. He built anyway.

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LISTEN & CAPTURE

Listening guide

When private prayer became public _____, the enemy became angry.

Resistance is not always a red light; sometimes it is _____.

Do not let ridicule _____ you or your assignment.

Weariness is a condition; it is not your _____.

Their answer to ridicule was measurable _____.

Some criticism deserves another _____, not another explanation.

We prayed to our God and _____ the city day and night.

Prayer without preparation can become _____.

Preparation without prayer can become _____.

Rebuilding means constructing tomorrow while carrying away _____.

Do not make permanent decisions in temporary seasons of _____.

Opposition altered their method, but did not cancel their _____.

Keep the tool in your hand and the _____ in your heart.

The tools are in our hands; the outcome is in _____ hands.

WHAT CALLED ME TO PRAY, GUARD, REMEMBER, SUPPORT, OR BUILD?



Respond and guard

1 THE ASSIGNMENT

What work has God placed before me that I must not surrender because the environment became difficult?

2 THE LABEL

What criticism am I tempted to accept as my identity? What does God say instead?

3 THE NEXT BRICK

Where would measurable progress be more faithful than another explanation?

4 THE GUARD

What boundary, system, accountability, or protection should accompany my prayer?



Reinforce and continue

5 THE RUBBLE

What wound, neglected system, failed expectation, or unfinished responsibility is making the work heavier?

6 THE REMEMBRANCE

Which answered prayer, opened door, or past provision do I need to remember?

7 THE TOOL AND SWORD

What work belongs in my hand, and what truth from God's Word must remain in my heart?

8 THE TRUMPET

Who needs me to respond because their family, ministry, or section is under pressure?

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BUILD THIS WEEK

Pray. Guard. Remember. Build.

- 1
- Read Nehemiah 4 in the NLT; mark opposition, prayer, guarding, weariness, remembrance, work, and community.
- 2
- Name one God-given assignment you will not surrender because the environment became difficult.
- 3
- Reject one critic's label and write the truth God wants you to remember.
- 4
- Add another brick by completing one measurable step instead of answering every criticism.
- 5
- Pray and post the guard: pair one prayer with one boundary, protection, or preparation step.
- 6
- Identify some rubble; ask for help moving it or help someone else carry theirs.
- 7
- Strengthen one exposed place, remember three signs of God's faithfulness, and keep the Word and community close.

THE NEXT BRICK I WILL ADD

THE GUARD I WILL POST

Eight questions

1. What intensified the enemies' opposition?

A Private burden B Visible progress C The king's title D Credentials

2. What was the opposition's first weapon?

A Physical attack B Ridicule aimed at identity C Delay D Royal command

3. How did Nehemiah answer ridicule?

A PR campaign B He stopped C Prayer and progress D Returned insults

4. What does 'pray and post the guard' teach?

A Strategy is fear B Prayer replaces preparation C Dependence and stewardship D Planning guarantees success

5. What internal danger emerged in Judah?

A No permission B Weariness and rubble C No trumpet D No leaders

6. How did Nehemiah respond to weary workers?

A Shamed them B Replaced them C Repositioned, reinforced, reminded D Dismissed them

7. What do the tool and weapon represent?

A Work and God's Word B Violence and power C Rank and title D Fear

8. Where did Nehemiah place final confidence?

A The wall B The guards C Enthusiasm D God, who would fight for them

Use the companion app for immediate feedback. Answers are intentionally omitted here.

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WEEKLY REVIEW

Build anyway

- ☐ Read Nehemiah 4
- ☐ Completed the listening guide
- ☐ Named the assignment
- ☐ Rejected a critic's label
- ☐ Added one measurable brick
- ☐ Prayed and posted a guard
- ☐ Addressed some rubble
- ☐ Remembered God's faithfulness
- ☐ Stayed within hearing distance
- ☐ Completed the knowledge check

MY BUILDER'S DECLARATION

Resistance may alter my method, but it will not cancel my mission.
By God's grace, I will pray, guard, remember, and build anyway.

The outcome is in God's hands.