

# Rebuilding Through Problems

## Nehemiah 4

They all plotted together to fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.  
But we prayed to our God

**God only had one Son without sin; He has no sons without suffering**  
**Opposition to God and godly people is inevitable**

### INCREASED THREATS FROM THEIR ENEMIES

From ridicule to fighting to killing 4:1, 8, 11

From all directions: Sanballat - north; Tobiah - east; Arabs - south; Ashdod - west 4:7

From within - from Judah 4:10-12; 6:17-19; 13:15-22

### EXTERNAL PRESSURES PRODUCE INTERNAL PROBLEMS 4:10

I lose strength - I'm worn out

I lose perspective - look at the rubble

I lose heart - we can't do it

### HOW DO I COMBAT DISCOURAGEMENT AND ENEMIES?

I solve problems through prayer - respond to God, don't react, retreat or retaliate

They plotted, I prayed 4:8-9

I prayed, I planned, I plodded 4:8-9

I remember our great and awesome God, not the rubbish 4:14

God fights for us 4:19; Josh 10:14, 42; 1 Sam 17:47

God frustrates our enemies' plans - He turns curses to blessings 4:15; 13:2

I must work, war and worship together, not alone 4:14-23

I must do more than pray 4:9

I must fight with God for my faith and family 4:14; 1 Tim 6:12; 2 Tim 4:7

I must work with all my heart 4:6, 14; Col 3:23

My biggest struggle is in the middle of the battle - halfway 4:6