

GRIT

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*When Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall and that there were no more breaks in it—even though I hadn't yet installed the gates— Sanballat and Geshem sent this message: "Come and meet with us at Kephirim in the valley of Ono." I knew they were scheming to hurt me so I sent messengers back with this: "I'm doing a great work; I can't come down. Why should the work come to a standstill just so I can come down to see you?" Four times they sent this message and four times I gave them my answer. **Nehemiah 6:1-4 Message***

1. Focus on the _____ God is Calling You to

*Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. **Romans 12:21 NLT***

2. Be Prepared to _____

*Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter in which was written: "It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: 'There is a king in Judah!' Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us confer together." I sent him this reply: "Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head." They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands." **Nehemiah 6:5-9 NIV***

3. Strengthen your Hands and _____

*A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor, so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. Stand your ground... **Ephesians 6:10,11,14a NLT***

*Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all. **Psalms 65:3 NLT***

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God. Nehemiah 6:15-16 NIV

4. The Great Work that God Does Through you, will have Impact Far _____

Also, in those days the nobles of Judah were sending many letters to Tobiah, and replies from Tobiah kept coming to them. And Tobiah sent letters to intimidate me. Nehemiah 6:17,19 NIV

5. Even After GREAT Victory, the _____

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Hebrews 4:15,16 NLT

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Is there a certain GREAT WORK you feel God is calling you to?*
- *Is their boredom in your life? Or, boredom in your faith journey?*
- *What temptation do you find yourself trying to continually say “no” to?*
- *Where do you need to strengthen your hands and stay firm like Nehemiah?*
- *What is your vision for the work that God does through you?*