

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING
NEHEMIAH 6:5-9



Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to
me with the same message, and in his hand
was an unsealed letter

NEHEMIAH 6:5





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

NEHEMIAH 6:6



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 meet
together.”

NEHEMIAH 6:7





I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are
saying is happening; you are just making it up
out of your head.”

NEHEMIAH 6:8



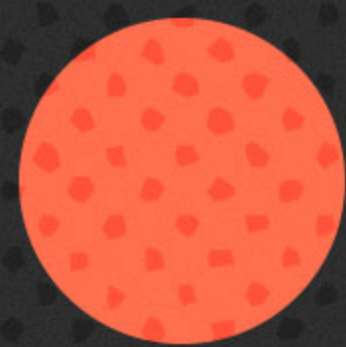


They were all trying to frighten us, thinking,
“Their hands will get too weak for the work,
and it will not be completed.”

But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”

NEHEMIAH 6:9

DOWN
RISE
UP
BUILD







When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah,
Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies

NEHEMIAH 6:1

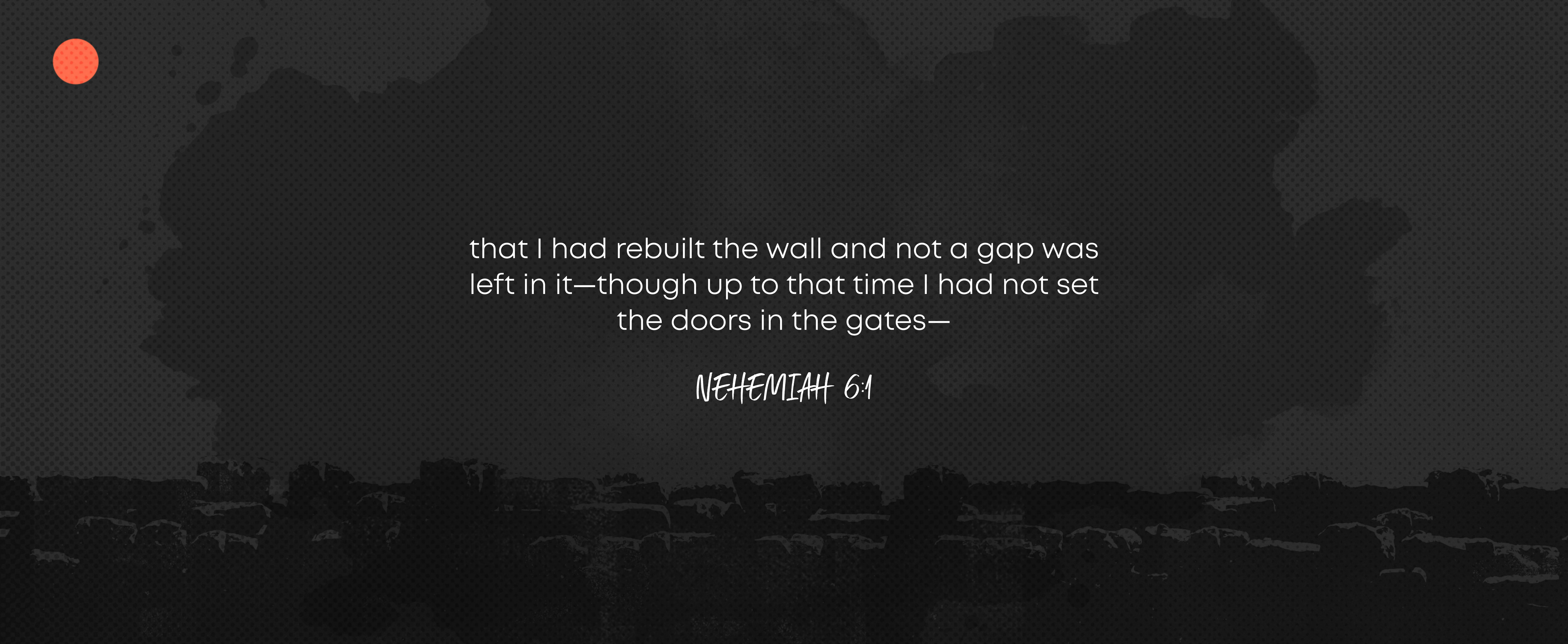






**A SIGN THAT YOU ARE WALKING
IN THE CALL AND PLAN
THAT GOD HAS FOR YOU
IS *OPPOSITION***





that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was
left in it—though up to that time I had not set
the doors in the gates—

NEHEMIAH 6:1





01. **DISTRACTION**

Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message:
“Come, let us meet together”

NEHEMIAH 6:2





But they were scheming to harm me

NEHEMIAH 6:2





**SOMETIMES THE GREATEST WEAPON
AGAINST OUR ENEMY
IS *KNOWING WHO HE IS***





**THE ENEMY WILL DO WHATEVER
HE CAN TO *DISTRACT YOU*
FROM THE PURPOSE OF GOD**



01.
COMPLACENCY





02.

GOOD THINGS VS GOD THINGS

Missional Drift





“I am carrying on a great project and cannot
go down. Why should the work stop while I
leave it and go down to you?”

NEHEMIAH 6:3





**“IF YOU DON’T QUIT,
YOU WIN”**

ALEX HORMOZI





02. **DEFAMATION**

Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter

NEHEMIAH 6:5





HE IS FALSELY ACCUSED OF:

“...you and the Jews are plotting to revolt.”

“...you are about to become their king”

“Appointing prophets to proclaim this message”

NEHEMIAH 6:6–7







“Nothing like what you are saying is
happening; you are just making it up out of
your head”

NEHEMIAH 6:8







CHARACTER PROVIDES NEHEMIAH
WITH THE MORAL AUTHORITY
TO NOT WORRY ABOUT
WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT HIM





A PATH TO REGAIN MORAL AUTHORITY

CONVICTION

Recognizing your sin as sin

CONFESSION

Bringing sin into the light

REPENTANCE

Turning away from sin

FORGIVENESS

Receiving the grace of God

RECONCILIATION

Repairing what was broken

RENEWAL

Demonstrating lasting change

RESTORATION

Returning to healthy relationship





One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, “Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you.”

NEHEMIAH 6:10







Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God,
because of what they have done; remember
also the prophet Noadiah and how she and
the rest of the prophets have been trying to
intimidate me.

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth
of Elul, in fifty-two days.

NEHEMIAH 6:14–15





“Then the wall was completed on the 25th of
Elul, in fifty-two days”

NEHEMIAH 6:15





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 6:16







NEHEMIAH

Sent by the king of Persia

Withstood distraction
from Sanballat

Saved a city

“Remember them my God”

Enemy defeated once
the city was sealed

JESUS

Sent by the creator
of the universe

Withstood temptation
from the Devil

Saved the world

“Forgive them Father,
they know not what they do”

Enemy defeated once
the tomb was unsealed





**WHO GIVES YOU THE ABILITY
TO BE CALLED?**

JESUS





**WHO GIVES YOU THE ABILITY
TO WITHSTAND OPPOSITION?**

JESUS





**WHO GIVES YOU THE ABILITY
TO GROW YOUR CHARACTER?**

JESUS





**WHO DEFEATS THE ENEMY
FOR GOOD?**

JESUS





**WHO MAKES A WAY
WHERE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO WAY?**

JESUS