

Title: **Opposition**  
Text: **Nehemiah 4:1-23**  
Date: **April 30, 2023**

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## Big Idea

In the face of opposition, we can persevere together through prayer and action as we remember God's presence and power in Christ Jesus!

### 1. V\_\_\_\_\_ Opposition (vv.1-3, 4-5)

(cf. Nehemiah 2:19; Mark 2:6, 16, 24, 3:22)

### 2. P\_\_\_\_\_ Opposition (vv.7-8, 9)

### 3. I\_\_\_\_\_ Opposition (vv.10-12, 13-14)

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#### **#1: Our E\_\_\_\_\_ (s)**

(cf. Matthew 5:10-12, 44; John 15:19-21, 16:33; Ephesians 6:10-11)

#### **#2: Our P\_\_\_\_\_ (s)**

(cf. Luke 10:29, 16:14-15; Genesis 3:12-13)

#### **4. Response(s): P\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ! (vv.4-6, 9, 13-23)**

(cf. 1 Peter 5:9-10, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

T\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.9, 15-23)

P\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.4-5, 9, 14)

(cf. Jeremiah 18:23, Revelation 6:10, Luke 23:34)

A\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.9, 13)



## Reflection Questions

- What is your typical reaction (or feeling) when difficulties arise in your life? How and why do you tend to respond in these ways?
- In what ways have you faced opposition due to your faith? Conversely, in what ways have you faced difficulties as a consequence of your sin?
- Which of the following have you turned to when it comes to persevering: community, prayer, and taking action? Which is an area of possible growth that you need to keep in mind?
- How does knowing and remembering Jesus encourage and empower you to persevere in your journey of faith?

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## Our Mission & Values

*Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.*

**FAITH:** The Way Back to God | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate relationship with him. This value presses our church *upwards* in love

**COMMUNITY:** The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for

**MISSION:** The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his value presses our church *outwards* in love for the

the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value presses our church *upwards* in love for God.

**Neighbor** | We are the Family of Christ and brought into covenantal relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for

**Back to City** | We are commissioned by the Holy Spirit to be his ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the

## Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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We are so glad you've joined us today!

## Announcement Spotlight

### Members' Class - Next Sunday, May 7th!

Our next scheduled Covenant Members' Class is for next Sunday, May 7th. If you're new to Mercy Hill and you want to jump in on this last minute, we'd love to have you!

Scan the QR Code below for more info and to find a link to sign up.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at [info@mercyhillchurch.org](mailto:info@mercyhillchurch.org).

### All Church Campout - Registration Is Now Live!

We are excited to announce that we'll be hosting an All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park over the weekend of June 23rd-25th! We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. Because the park is only a 45 minute drive from south San Jose, people can feel free to come and go as it works with their schedule and preference.

**Option #1: Day-Use:** For those not wanting to camp but still wanting to participate, the Day-Use option is best. You can come in for the day, enjoy activities, meals, etc., and then head home to your warm bed while the rest of us "rough" it : ).

**Option #2: Camp:** This option is for those who want the full camping experience. We have the site for Friday and Saturday nights. You can choose to camp for one or both of these depending upon your availability and desire.

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