



Week 2

THE GOOD WORK

6-Day
Devotional

Day 1 – Expect Opposition

Scripture: Nehemiah 4:1–2

Reflection: Anytime you pursue God’s calling, you will encounter resistance. Nehemiah’s enemies mocked the work before it was half-done, just as the enemy will try to discourage you at the beginning of your journey. But opposition is not a sign that you’re failing; it’s often evidence that you’re on the right track.

Application: Identify an area of your life where you’re stepping out in faith. Are you experiencing resistance? Instead of being discouraged, take it as confirmation that the enemy sees God at work in you.

Prayer: Lord, help me not to be surprised by opposition. Remind me that resistance often comes when I’m following You. Give me the courage to keep moving forward. Amen.

Day 2 – Respond with Prayer and Action

Scripture: Nehemiah 4:4–6

Reflection: Nehemiah didn’t waste energy answering his critics. He prayed, and then he got back to work. He understood that the battle wasn’t his to win but God’s. Prayer positioned him for perseverance, and perseverance moved the wall upward.

Application: When criticized or opposed, don’t get caught in endless arguments. Instead, take it to God in prayer, and then keep showing up. Pair prayer with faithfulness.

Prayer: God, help me to bring every insult, doubt, and discouragement before You. Strengthen me to keep building, one step at a time, with all my heart. Amen.

Day 3 – Overcoming Discouragement

Scripture: Nehemiah 4:10

Reflection: Progress often gives way to fatigue. The people saw rubble more than renewal, just as we often see obstacles more than opportunities. Discouragement doesn’t always come from enemies. Sometimes it can come from within.

Application: Be honest about the “rubble” in your life, the mess, the exhaustion, the insecurities. Then ask God to shift your focus from rubble to His rebuilding power.

Prayer: Father, when I feel weary and overwhelmed by the rubble in my life, remind me that You are greater than my discouragement. Renew my strength to keep going. Amen.

Day 4 – Remember the Lord

Scripture: Nehemiah 4:14

Reflection: Nehemiah redirected the people's gaze away from fear and back to God's greatness. When opposition feels overwhelming, remembering God's past faithfulness fuels fresh courage.

Application: List specific ways God has been faithful in your past. Rehearse those memories when fear or doubt threatens to derail you.

Prayer: Great and awesome God, help me remember Your faithfulness. Strengthen me to face today's challenges with confidence in Your power. Amen.

Day 5 – Fight for What Matters

Scripture: Nehemiah 4:14

Reflection: God's call isn't just about walls and gates. It's about people. Nehemiah rallied the people to fight for their families, for their future, for what matters most. Our obedience impacts more than ourselves; it impacts generations.

Application: What is God calling you to fight for right now? Your marriage? Your children's faith? Justice for the vulnerable? Commit to stand strong for what matters most to God.

Prayer: Lord, give me strength to fight for what matters to You, my family, my community, the vulnerable, and the mission of Christ. Amen.

Day 6 – Keep Building

Scripture: Galatians 6:9

Reflection: Nehemiah's wall wasn't built in a day. It was built one stone at a time, with steady faithfulness. God calls us to the same consistent obedience, even when the work feels slow and the opposition fierce.

Application: Don't measure success by speed. Measure it by faithfulness. Keep laying one stone at a time, praying, serving, loving, giving, and trusting that God will complete the work.

Prayer: God, give me endurance to keep building faithfully. Help me not to grow weary in doing good, but to trust that You will bring a harvest in Your perfect time. Amen.

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