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A Study of Nehemiah – Part 4

Leadership Principles:

1. Pray. Commit your endeavors to God.
2. Prepare. Expect God to move.
3. Commit. What are you willing to give?
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Nehemiah 4 - Resistance from External Foes

**Timeline**

605–538 BC Daniel is in Babylon

586 BC Babylon destroys Jerusalem and the temple

539 BC The Persians conquer Babylon

536 BC Some Jews return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple (Ezra 1-6)

484-465 BC Esther is queen in Persia (Esther)

480 BC Athenians and Spartans defeat Xerxes, king of Persia

465-424 BC Artaxerxes is king of Persia

458-444 BC Ezra comes to Jerusalem to restore worship (Ezra 7-10)

444 BC Nehemiah comes to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls (Nehemiah)

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*The Area of Israel in the time of Nehemiah, ca. 444 B.C.*

For Further Discussion:

1. Would you say you are an optimist or pessimist? Is your default expectation for things to go well or poorly?
2. What do you think about Nehemiah’s philosophy to “say a prayer and post a guard?”
3. How have challenges grown your abilities in the past?
4. How can you apply Nehemiah’s approach to events in your life right now?