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DISCOURAGEMENT
Nehemiah 4:10-20

What causes discouragement? Neh. 4:10-12

- **Fatigue.** Neh. 4:10-11, 1-3, 8; 2 Cor. 11:23-28; 12:1-10; 2 Tim. 4:16-18; John 5:1-9; Mark 5:1-34
- **Frustration.** Neh. 4:10; Heb. 12:1; Acts 15:37; 1 John 1:9; Matt. 26:56, 69-75;
- **Failure** mentality. Neh. 4:10; John 5:1-11; Mark. 5:1-18, 25-26; 2 Tim. 4:16-18; Matt. 26:56, 69-75
- **Fear.** Neh. 4:11-12, 1-3, 8; Matt. 26:56, 69-75; 10:30; Is. 49:16; 54:4; 43:5

How do we deal with discouragement? Neh. 4:13-20

- Request and receive **help** from God. Neh. 4:4-5; 1:4-10; 2:25; Matt. 26:36-46; 7:7-8; Jer. 33:2-3; Dan. 6:10
- Reevaluate your **priorities.** Neh. 4:13-16; 3:1-32; Matt. 6:33
- Remember the greatness of **God.** Neh. 4:14-16; Rev. 1:8; 22:13; Gen. 22:14; Ex. 15:26; Rom. 8:31
- Ready to **fight.** Neh. 4:13; 1 John 4:4; 1 Sam. 17:47; 2 Chr. 20:15

Discouragement turned to encouragement. Neh. 4:18-20

- We stand **together**, not separately. Neh. 4:18-20
- We stand and fight for our **families.** Neh. 4:13

FIVE PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

1. There will be a renewed interest in the sovereignty of God.
2. The church will look to Christ more and to the state less.
3. Living out your values will become more important than ever.
4. The tone of public discourse will either get worse... or better.
5. The work of the local church will be more important than ever.

HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN VOTE?

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