

UNshakable

MAKING THE MOST OF HARD TIMES

Part 4 – Don't Quit Now
Nehemiah 4:1-18

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1. THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT CAN CAUSE US TO LOSE HEART.

- A. When we face strong **enemies** who are trying to make us fail, we can feel the pull to quit. (Nehemiah 4:1-12)

Nehemiah 4:11-12 Meanwhile, our enemies were saying, 'Before they know what's happening, we will swoop down on them and kill them and end their work.' ¹² The Jews who lived near the enemy came and told us again and again, 'They will come from all directions and attack us!'

- B. When success is still **far** away, we can feel the pull to quit. (Nehemiah 4:6,10)

1. *Nehemiah 4:6 At last the wall was completed to half its original height around the entire city, for the people had worked very hard.*

2. *Nehemiah 4:10 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, 'The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.'*

- C. When we lose **sight** of the original goal, we can feel the pull to quit. (Nehemiah 4:10)

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2. WHAT ARE THE THINGS WE CAN DO TO GET NEW STRENGTH?

A. Find and listen to the people who **believe** in you. (Nehemiah 4:16)

1. *Nehemiah 4:16 From that day on, **half** of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor.*
2. *Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us **encourage** one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

B. Every so often, pull away from the struggle and get a **fresh** view. (Nehemiah 4:14)

1. *Nehemiah 4:14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome...'*
2. *Isaiah 26:3-4 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. [4] Trust in the Lord forever, For in Jehovah, the Lord, is everlasting strength.*

C. Remember who is **counting** on you to come through this struggle. (Nehemiah 4:14)

Nehemiah 4:14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.'

D. Pick yourself up and get **back** to work. (Nehemiah 4:15)

Nehemiah 6:15 So the wall was completed...in fifty-two days.

*Nehemiah 6:16 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**.*

Action Steps I will take this week ...

When I feel the pull to quit, I will identify the pressures I am facing that are trying to pull me down and take those to God in prayer.

I will find and listen to a support group who love the Lord and who believe in me.

I will pull away when the pressure become too strong and seek God's perspective about my challenge.

I will remember who is counting on me to stay true to God and His call in my life. I will not quit!

