

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**  
**Nehemiah 3:1-4:23**

1. What happened in Sunday's Bible Study in Nehemiah 2?
  - a. The king asked Nehemiah why his face looked sad.
  - b. Nehemiah asked the king for permission to return to Jerusalem to rebuild it and God gave him favor with the king and he was allowed to return with safe passage.
  - c. Nehemiah went at night to examine the walls and gates of the city but waited before he shared his plan with those who do the work.
  - d. Nehemiah said "Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem..." and the people agreed that they would start rebuilding.
  
2. How are things going, according to 3:1-32 and 4:6?
  - a. It seems like everybody is working together. Each family seemed to be taking a gate or a section of the wall and they were doing well with it.
  - b. In chapter 4, verse 6, it says that the wall was already built to half of its height, that seems like it must have been going pretty well.
  
3. What happened in 4:1-6?
  - a. Sanballat & Tobiah mocked the Jews and called them "feeble." They suggested that what they were working toward was useless because they wouldn't finish. They criticized the quality of the work as if it would easily fall.
  - b. The devil was angry about the success that they were having.
  - c. People saw their own "kingdoms" at risk. When people see your success as a threat to their pride or existence, they try to tear you down.
  
4. What tactics did the enemy use to stop what God was doing?
  - a. The devil (who is the real enemy) used people to try to discourage what was happening.
  - b. People ridiculed and insulted the workers to make them feel like they were not having the positive impact that they had thought they were.
  - c. People were spreading negativity and making people doubt the call of God and their leadership.Does the enemy still use the same tactics to fight against the work of God in us?  
Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain.\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. What is the initial result of the attacks on the people of Judah (verses 10-12)?
  - a. The people started to get discouraged.
  - b. Although they had already built the wall to half its height, they began to think that the full task that God had for them was impossible.
  - c. They were afraid of the people who were making threats.
  - d. The negative words that they were hearing began to get to them.
  
6. How did Nehemiah respond, according to 4:9 and 13-14?
  - a. He prayed (verse 9).
  - b. He took action to defend against further attacks (verse 13)
  - c. He stood before them and told them not to be afraid (verse 14).
  - d. He reminded them of the power of the Lord (verse 14).
  - e. He reunited them to fight for each other (verse 14).
  
7. What did the Jews do in response to Nehemiah's leadership, according to verses 15-23)? \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. How do you respond to the attacks of the enemy? \_\_\_\_\_

Does it sometimes feel like you are working at half efficiency to defend from the attacks while you do the will of God? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Does this frustrate you or do you consider this "victory" and "overcoming" because God's work continues despite the attacks? \_\_\_\_\_