

Nehemiah



Overcoming Fear



Nehemiah 2:19-20

But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?" I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."



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."

Nehemiah 4:14

Giving into Fear

- *We focus on ourselves, not on Our Lord*
- *We seek to control, makes us spiritually weak*
- *Robs us of life, joy, peace, purpose and limits our ability to minister or witness to others*
- *We focus on not failing, not offending or not risking rather than following Jesus*



*Now my heart is troubled,
and what shall I say?*

'Father, save me from this hour'?

*No, it was for this very reason
I came to this hour.*

(John 12:27)



*Those who passed by hurled insults at him,
shaking their heads and saying,*

*"You who are going to destroy the temple
and build it in three days, save yourself!*

*Come down from the cross, if you are
the Son of God!"*

(Mat 27:39-40)



...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Heb 12:1-2)