



If You Care You'll Overcome (Nehemiah 4)

Sunday, October 14, 2018 AVBC 10:30 am

When the world hates you, remember it hated Me before it hated you. The world would love you if you belonged to it, but you don't. I chose you to come out of the world, and so it hates you. Do you remember what I told you? 'A servant is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted Me, naturally they will persecute you...(John 15:18-20a)

O _____ **YOUR EYES (v.1)**

P _____ **FOR ATTACK (vs.2-3)**

- **Attack your** _____
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But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (II Corinthians 12:9-10)

P **P** _____ **(vs.4-5)**

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. (Romans 12:19)

O _____, **NOT DEFENSE (v.6)**

S _____ **SUPPORT (vs. 4,9)**

I _____ **RESOLVE (v. 9)**

T _____ **TO THE LORD (v.14)**

I _____ **IN THE FUTURE (v.14)**

Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno!

O _____ **FOR ALL**

N _____ **IS NECESSARY**

Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. (Romans 15:1)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

- Q1: When you think of the concept of opposition, what story/situation comes to your mind?
Q2: Think of a time when you faced fierce opposition. What kinds of thoughts and emotions were stirred up inside you? How did you manage (or mismanage) those feelings?
Q3: Nehemiah's predecessor, Zerubbabel, also faced intense opposition as he worked at rebuilding the temple. Study Ezra 5:3 to Ezra 6:15. How did Tattenai try to discourage God's people? How did God intervene in a surprising and miraculous way?
Q4: Nehemiah reminded his fellow workers to "remember the Lord". What are some things about God's character and ways that you may have forgotten in the midst of your crisis? What are one or two foundational truths about God that you need to focus on right now?
Q5: Jesus paints a picture of what opposition will be like in the last days. Read Matthew 24:1-14. How do the words of Jesus inspire you to stand up to opposition today?
Q6: How have you experienced the care and support of the body of Christ? What person or situation might the Lord be calling you to rally to right now?
Q7: It would appear that God's people may have tried to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem after the temple was completed (516 BC) but before Nehemiah was called (444 BC). Read Ezra 4:6-23. What accusations did Rehum make? What was the result? Why do you think God sometimes allows opposition to win the day?