

SERMON NOTES

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Serving God by Overcoming Discouragement

Nehemiah 4:10-14

"In Judah it was said, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall." And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work." At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, "You must return to us." So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

Nehemiah 4:10: "Meanwhile the people in _____ said..."

Who was Judah?

The 4th son of _____ (Israel). A part of the nation of _____.

Genesis 49 The firstborn - _____ lost the blessing of the firstborn by sexual sin. The second and thirdborn - _____ and _____ lost the blessing because they were violent against people and animals.

Genesis 49:8-10 *"Judah, your brothers will praise you ... your father's sons will bow down to you. You are a lion's cub, Judah... The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his..."*

Who will one day rule the nations? _____

He became the _____ among his brothers

The emblem of the tribe of Judah is a _____,

It is from Judah that _____ descended with King David and Jesus.

Nehemiah 4:10a this royal tribe from within Israel was _____.

Nehemiah 4:10b *"Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, 'The strength of the laborers is giving out...'"*

We are _____.

Nehemiah 4:6 The wall was built _____ way to its height.

Nehemiah 4:10c *"...we will not be able to rebuild the wall. There is too much rubble."*

2. The second thing that can happen is that you can get _____.

Hebrews 12:1 "...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race marked out for us."

3. Another cause of discouragement is _____.

Nehemiah 4:11: "All our enemies said, "They will not know, or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work."

Nehemiah 4:12 "At that time the Jews who lived near _____ came and told us ten times over, 'Wherever you turn, they will attack us. (NIV)

Nehemiah 4:12 "At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, "You must _____ to us. (ESV)"

Fear breeds _____ which leads to _____.

Fear puts us in a frame of mind where we can be _____.

But... discouragement is _____.

1. The first cure is to request _____.

Nehemiah 3:4-5 "Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders."

2. The second cure is to _____ the plan.

Nehemiah 4:13 "Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest point of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows."

Nehemiah put _____ at all the weakest spots.

Where temptation is real in your life seek _____.

Resist the devil and he will _____.

3. The third cure is to remember who _____ is.

Nehemiah 4:14: "...Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is _____ and _____..."

The success to finish well depends on _____

Our God is great and awesome!