

# Nehemiah:

“Building Kingdom Lives, Homes, Jobs,  
And Service For God”

**“Dealing with Difficulty”**

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### **I. The Difficulty of Obstacles (vs13)**

**13** And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire.

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### II. The Difficulty of Pain (vs17)

#### A. Failure

**17** Then I said to them, “You see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lies* waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach.”

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### II. The Difficulty of Pain (vs17)

#### B. Fear

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### III. The Difficulty of Opposition (vs19-20)

#### A. Ridicule

**19** But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard *of it*, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, “What *is* this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?” **20** So I answered them, and said to them, “The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.”

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### III. The Difficulty of Opposition (vs19-20)

#### B. Haughtiness

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### III. The Difficulty of Opposition (vs19-20)

#### C. Confusion

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### **IV. The Determination to Overcome (vs18)**

#### **A. Activated by the Spirit of God**

**18** And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set their hands to *this* good *work*.



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### **IV. The Determination to Overcome (vs18)**

#### **B. Saturated by the Word of God**

**18** And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set their hands to *this good work.*

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### IV. The Determination to Overcome (vs18)

#### C. Dedicated to the Love of God

**18** And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set their hands to *this* good *work*.

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### **IV. The Determination to Overcome (vs18)**

#### **D. Rejuvenated by the Fellowship of God**

**18** And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, “Let us rise up and build.” Then they set their hands to *this* good *work*.

# “Questions”

1. What are the difficult obstacles we encounter as believers?
2. How do we deal with the pain of difficulty?
3. How do we deal with opposition from difficult people?
4. How do we overcome difficulty?