

FACING YOUR FEARS...When Intimidation Causes Trepidation  
Nehemiah 6 & 7

- I. Recognized His Enemy-Nehemiah 6:2---“Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: ‘Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.’ But they were scheming to harm me...”
  
- II. Remembered His Duty-Nehemiah 6:3---“...so I sent messengers to them with this reply: ‘I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?’”
  
- III. Relied on His Authority-Nehemiah 6:9---“They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, ‘Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.’ But I prayed, ‘Now strengthen my hands.’”
  
- IV. Revived His Testimony-Nehemiah 6:15-16---“So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this and all the surrounding nations saw it, our enemies lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.”
  
- V. Reinforced His Security-Nehemiah 7:2-3---“I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most men do. I said to them, ‘The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses.’”

## Take Aways

1-Watch out for Distractions.

2-Focus on the Mission.

3-Run to your Father.

4-Guard the rebuilt areas that are now usable and shore up the weak areas that are still vulnerable.