

Prepare the Way, Part 2

When Resistance Rises

You've been there before. You finally start to take your health seriously and suddenly free pastries show up everywhere around you! In life, and especially spiritually, every step of progress seems to be met with opposition. Listen in as Pastor Jared Johnson gives us insight and a plan of how to counteract the resistance as we work toward God's plan of restoration and revival!

Let's go in our Bibles: Nehemiah 4:1–23 (CSB)

1. Prepare for resistance when following God's plan.

Nehemiah 4:1–2 (CSB) When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious. He **mocked** the Jews ² before his colleagues and the powerful men of Samaria and said, **"What are these pathetic Jews doing? Can they restore it by themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they ever finish it?** Can they bring these burnt stones back to life from the mounds of rubble?"

Nehemiah 4:14 (CSB) After I made an inspection, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, **"Don't be afraid of them. Remember the great and awe-inspiring Lord, and fight for your countrymen, your sons and daughters, your wives and homes."**

2. God's plan requires unity and wholehearted commitment.

Nehemiah 4:6 (NIV) "So **we rebuilt** the wall till all of it reached half its height, **for the people worked with all their heart.**"

Nehemiah 4:9 (CSB) So **we prayed to** our God and **stationed** a guard because of them **day and night.**