

PERSEVERING THROUGH PERSECUTION

NEHEMIAH 6

When persecution comes your way, persevere by...

I. _____ the task, no matter who is attempting to distract you. (vv. 1-9)

Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" vv. 2-3

KNOW YOUR _____ and communicate it clearly and consistently.

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:5-6

II. _____ God's Word without compromise, no matter the circumstance. (vv. 10-14)

For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. v. 13

KNOW THE _____ OF GOD so you can discern the will of God.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

III. _____ the Lord to fight for you, no matter who is against you. (vv. 15-19)

So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. vv. 15-16

KNOW THE _____ so you don't lose hope.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Revelation 12:10-11

REBUILDING

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

HOME GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Nehemiah 6. What were the messages Nehemiah received, and what were they designed to do?

2. What was Nehemiah's overall approach to the different kinds of threats he received? Why did he use this approach?

3. What gave Nehemiah such well-developed discernment about his enemies, while others fell victim to their deceit?

4. Had the nobles of Judah been prayerfully studying and meditating on the Word of God, they would have had discernment instead of walking "in the counsel of the wicked" (Ps 1:1). How have you been like the nobles of Judah? What loyalty have you given to someone else that instead should go to God alone?

5. Did the opposition of the enemy stop once the wall was completed? Why is this so important to note?

6. In order to know your calling and the Word of God, how will you ask the Lord to "strengthen your hands" (v. 9) as you revisit your efforts to engage regularly with God's Word?

"Nehemiah didn't listen to the enemy's lies. ... The enemy's main purpose was to generate fear in the heart of Nehemiah and his workers (Neh 6:9, 13-14, 19), knowing that fear destroys faith and paralyzes life. Adolph Hitler wrote, 'Mental confusion, contradiction of feeling, indecisiveness, panic; these are our weapons.' Both Jesus (Luke 13:31-37) and Paul (Acts 21:10-14) had to face the specter of fear, and both overcame it by faith."

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COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

TEXT "CCBCSHARE" TO 94090 FOR YOUR NEXT STEP. If you're connected, serving and growing, your next step is to think about who God might be putting in your life to share your faith with or disciple. Text "CCBCShare" to 94090 and we'll send you a few ideas for getting started, including info on mentoring opportunities and discipling your kiddos.

RENOVATE MEETS ONLINE AND IN PERSON THIS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24. If you're a young adult in your 20s or 30s who's looking for a place to invite your friends, Renovate is it! Join us in person this Wednesday for a tailgate dinner at 6 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m. at the Fort Worth Campus. You can also join the worship service online at 7 p.m. at ccbcfamily.org. Parents, if you have a young adult who's feeling lost or like they don't have a place to belong, tell them about Renovate! For more information, visit www.renovateftw.org.

THERE'S A NEW FORLIFE CONVERSATION HAPPENING THIS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24. How can you step into life issues in 2021 and beyond? Join our Local Outreach Director Lance Cashion for a virtual gathering to learn more about Christ Chapel's commitment to life issues, what initiatives we're partnering with and how you can get involved this year. The online conversation will happen this Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Get the link to join the conversation by signing up at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

WATCH "BROADWAY SHOWSTOPPERS" THIS FRIDAY NIGHT! The CCBC Pops Orchestra is bringing a full lineup of iconic Broadway tunes straight to your living room this Friday, Feb. 26. Streaming live from the Internet Campus, the concert will feature music from shows like "The Sound of Music," "Les Misérables" and "The Wizard of Oz" starting at 7 p.m. Invite family and friends to watch with you—the show is a live music experience made for groups of all ages. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

A NEW CONNECTING POINT CLASS STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 7. If you're new-ish to Christ Chapel, Connecting Point is the perfect place to start putting roots down, learn more about us and how we're here to help you grow in your faith. Plus, you'll get to know other people new to Christ Chapel as well. The March class will meet in person, starting Sunday, March 7 at 9 a.m. Learn more and sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/cp.

READ THROUGH PSALMS WITH US. Leading up to Easter, we're reading through the psalms together to remember God is with us in the ongoing challenges of this year. You can join us this week—just look for the plan, "God Is With Us," on the Christ Chapel app.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 77977 to get started.

