

**Finishing Strong****March 25, 2012**

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- What's one of your greatest accomplishments? How did you accomplish your goal and what did you learn from your experience?

**With your Bible or YouVersion, read Nehemiah 6:1-16.**

In this passage, Nehemiah faces continued opposition as he nears completion in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, but refuses to give up.

- What could distract you from doing the most important thing God wants you to do?
- What steps can you take that will help prepare yourself to handle distractions when they come at you?
- Why are rumors such a dangerous tactic the enemy uses to discredit us?
- How is the enemy trying to tempt you in order to discredit your integrity?
- Describe a time when you gave into temptation and compromised your integrity. How did that experience impact you?
- Where in life do you feel like you want to give up right now? What steps can you take to ensure that you succeed?
- What have you learned most from this series that you can use to help you in changing your world? What are you going to do about it?

Here are some specific things you can do this week that

will help you defeat opposition and finish strong.

- This week read Nehemiah 11, 12, and 13 and allow God to speak to you as you read His Word.
- In addition to Nehemiah, there are other great people in the Bible that finished strong. There are also several passages that discuss the importance of finishing strong. This week take time to read the following passages and allow God to speak to you and empower you with the desire and strength to finish strong in all you do for Him: 2 Timothy 4:1-22, Galatians 5:1-26, Proverbs 31:1-31, 1 Samuel 13:1-23, and Joshua 14:1-15.

**My Next Step Today Is To . . .**

- Admit that I'm being drawn to God and so today I surrender myself to Him, receiving Jesus as my Savior.
- Recognizing that I am facing opposition and/or distractions in an area that God has called me I ask that you would pray for me.
- Believe that God wants to use me to change my world.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Galatians 6:9

**Talk It Over with God:**

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Ask God to help you finish strong in everything you do.
- Ask God to remove all the distractions that could keep you from completing your task and distract you from Him.
- Tell God the ways the enemy is trying to discredit your integrity. Ask God to give you strength as you press forward.
- Ask God to help you keep a strong focus on everything you do for Him.
- Thank God for all the things you've learned during this series. Ask Him to guide your steps as you move forward in carrying out your task.