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When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it-though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates. Nehemiah 6:1 (NIV2011)

 The _____ you get to doing what God wants done, the _____ your enemy will fight to stop you.

YOUR ENEMY'S STRATEGY

1. Your Enemy Will Try to _____ You.

Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: "Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono." Nehemiah 6:2a (NIV2011)

I'm not coming .

But they were scheming to harm me; 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?"

Nehemiah 6:2b-3 (NIV2011)

2. Your Enemy Will Try to You.

• By spreading .

Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter in which was written: "It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true-that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together."

Nehemiah 6:5-6, 7b (NIV2011)

By tempting you to

(Shemaiah) said, "Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you." ...I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.

Nehemiah 6:10b, 12-13 (NIV2011)

• I'm not _____.

But I said, "Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!" Nehemiah 6:11 (NIV2011)

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God. Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NIV2011)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 (NIV2011)

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.
- Ask for prayer as I face opposition and/or distractions in an area that God has called me to change my world.
- Believe that God wants to use me to change my world.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Galatians 6:9