QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you experienced

 discouragement in your life. What was helpful to you in

 overcoming your discouragement?

2. In what area of your life are you experiencing discouragement

 presently? How are you dealing with it?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Scripture says about

 Discouragement:

 a) Deuteronomy 31:8

b) Joshua 1:9

 c) II Chronicles 15:7

d) Psalm 31:24

 e) Isaiah 35:4

f) Matthew 14:27

g) II Corinthians 4:8-9

4. How did Nehemiah encourage the workers to balance their faith

 with their works?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to encourage someone who is feeling discouraged.
* I am going to make a list of the “low places” in my life where I need to be on guard against the attacks of the enemy.
* I am going to memorize II Chronicles 15:7.

Cornerstone Church January 9, 2021

Nehemiah 4:10-23 Study Series #08

***Nehemiah’s Enemies Attack***

***Through Discouragement***

**I. Introduction**

 A. The Story of Jean Nidetch

 B. Encouragement

 (See I Peter 5:8; Numbers 13:31; Numbers 32:9)

**II. Nehemiah’s Enemies Attack Through Discouragement**

 A. The Saying in Judah

 (See Nehemiah 4:10; Genesis 49:8-10; Genesis 2:2-3;

 Nehemiah 4:6; Proverbs 29:18; Philippians 1:6)

 B. The Threat of the Enemy

 (See Nehemiah 4:11-12; Matthew 8:26; Deuteronomy 20:8)

 C. The Response of Nehemiah

 (See Nehemiah 4:13; II Peter 3:17; Nehemiah 4:14)

 D. The Return to the Work

 (See Nehemiah 4:15-20; I Thessalonians 4:16)

 E. The Dedication of the Workers

 (See Nehemiah 4:21-23; Matthew 13:25; I Corinthians 15:58;

 Revelation 19:18; Ephesians 6:11)

**III. Conclusion**

**IV. Communion**

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Cor 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

Nehemiah 4:10-23

**10**In Judah it was said, “The strength of the burden bearers is failing,
Yet there is much rubbish; And we ourselves are unable to rebuild the wall.”

**11**Our enemies said, “They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them and put a stop to the work.”

**12**When the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times, “They will come up against us from every place where you may turn,” **13**then I stationed *men* in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the exposed places, and I stationed the people in families with their swords, spears, and bows.

**14**When I saw *their fear*, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people: “Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses.”

**15**When our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had frustrated their plan, then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work. **16**From that day on, half of my servants carried on the work while half of them held the spears, the shields, the bows, and the breastplates; and the captains *were* behind the whole house of Judah. **17**Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens took *their* load with one hand doing the work and the other holding a weapon. **18**As for the builders, each *wore* his sword girded at his side as he built, while the trumpeter *stood* near me. **19**I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall far from one another. **20**At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”

**21**So we carried on the work with half of them holding spears from dawn until the stars appeared. **22**At that time I also said to the people, “Let each man with his servant spend the night within Jerusalem so that they may be a guard for us by night and a laborer by day.” **23**So neither I, my brothers, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us removed our clothes, each *took* his weapon *even to* the water.

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