

FINDING & ACCOMPLISHING GOD'S WILL | NEHEMIAH

WEEK 3: HANDLING OBSTACLES

Nehemiah 4:1-14

OBSTACLES

1. CRITICISM THAT TEARS AT YOU
2. FEAR THAT PARALYZES YOU
3. DISCOURAGEMENT THAT SABOTAGES YOU

RESPONSES

1. REMEMBER THE GOD WHO CALLED YOU
2. REMEMBER WHAT YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this week's teaching stood out to you the most? Why?
2. Describe a time when you faced one of the three types of obstacles mentioned in this week's teaching. How did you handle it? What was the result? Would you do anything different if you could go back?
3. Is there a particular type of opposition that you find to be the most difficult for you to face? Why?
4. How can you tell the difference between constructive criticism and criticism that is meant to be harmful? How can we be wise in the way we provide feedback so that our criticism doesn't become an obstacle for others?
5. What fears or doubts do you currently have about what God has for you to do?
6. Discouragement can be so dangerous because it sabotages our ability to continue to stand and can lead us to burning-out. What are some causes of discouragement in your life? How do you typically handle discouragement? (Remember, you can be honest. Moses and Elijah both asked God to kill them.)
7. One way that Nehemiah responded to the obstacles he faced was to remember the "why" or the real reason behind what he was doing. What is your "why" behind the calling God has on your life?
8. The other way that Nehemiah responded when facing discouragement was to remember the God who called him. What are some things you know about God that show that He is bigger than any obstacle you could ever face?