

Facing Opposition

Nehemiah 4:1-14

“Don’t be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!” Nehemiah 4:14b

How can you keep singing a joyful song when you’ve been sucked in, washed up, and blown over?

Opposition: _____? Or _____?

Where does Opposition Come from?

1. _____. Who are the Sanballats in your life?
2. _____.
3. _____. “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

What does Opposition do to me?

1. _____.
2. _____.

Fighting Opposition in Faith:

1. Rely on the strength of _____.
2. Remember God’s _____.
3. Remember God’s _____.
4. Remember God’s _____ for the _____.

Are you tempted to Give Up?

“I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.”
Philippians 3:12

“ I know how to live in poverty or prosperity. No matter what the situation, I’ve learned the secret of how to live when I’m full or when I’m hungry, when I have too much or when I have too little. 13 I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:12-13

The Prayer

1. Meditate on God's promise of tribulation and the hope you have in Christ Jesus.

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." [John 16:33](#)

"And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." [1 John 2:17](#)

2. Reflect on any trials or tribulations you are going through. Where do you need hope, patience, and constancy in the midst of trial?

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." [Romans 12:12](#)

3. Now ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in the midst of your trials. Place your hope in your God who walks with you through this life. He is near to you.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm." [Ephesians 6:10-13](#)

You have a real enemy fighting to steal, kill, and destroy you. But *"he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"* (1 John 4:4). You can overcome by the blood of Jesus. In the Spirit you have a constant source of hope, joy, and power. When you feel the enemy fighting against you, clothe yourself in the armor of God. Stand against him in the authority of Jesus. Rise up, take hold of the temptations and condemnation your enemy brings against you, and throw them at the foot of the cross where Jesus crushed the power of the enemy in your life once and for all.