ANSWERING THE CALL!

NEHEMIAH - THE WALL BUILDER Nehemiah 4:1-20

Like NEHEMIAH, God equips us with powerful <u>WEAPONS</u> \underline{OF} <u>WARFARE</u> to overcome opposition to His calling in our lives.

I. God's first Weapon of Warfare (WOW) is <u>PRAYER!</u>

a. <u>PRAYER</u> equips us for battle by <u>KNOWING GOD'S</u>
<u>WILL</u>!
b. PRAYER equips us for battle by SEEKING GOD'S

<u>WISDOM!</u> c. PRAYER equips us for battle by WATCHING GOD

WORK!

2. God's second Weapon of Warfare (WOW) is $\underline{UNITY!}$

a. <u>UNITY</u> equips us for battle by supplying <u>SUPERNATURAL</u> <u>STRENGTH!</u>

3. God's third Weapon of Warfare (WOW) is FAITH!

a. <u>FAITH</u> equips us for battle by supplying <u>SUPERNATURAL</u> <u>COURAGE!</u>!



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

I. As we live for Christ, opposition will be part of the Christian life. What has this looked like in your life, or what does it look like now? What resistance are you faced with, as you pursue God's calling in your life?

2. What is God's calling on your life? Discuss Mt. 22:37-40, 28:19-20, John 17:3-4, 2 Cor. 5:20, Ephes. 2:10, Phil. 2:9-11, Col. 1:9-10

3. How do you typically deal with opposition in your life? What is your first response? (Phil. 4:6, Ephes. 6:18, 1 Thess. 5:16-18) What does your prayer life look like?

4. As a unified family, have you ever discussed your purpose? Do you have a "rally cry" or mission statement to encourage one another when facing opposition? (ex. Nehemiah 4:14b)

5. As a church family at Temecula Hills, are you in the battle, pursuing unity as we carry out our mission to "bring glory to God by making maturing disciples of Jesus Christ"?

6. God's third weapon of warfare is faith. Faith gives us supernatural courage. How do we sharpen this weapon for battle? (James 2:14-18, | Tim. 6:11-12, 2 Thess. 1:11)

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, <u>The Last Battle</u>

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