

Title: **Opposition (Part 2)**
Text: **Nehemiah 6:1-19**
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Big Idea

We need to be vigilant of the different ways Satan, sin, and the world tempts and deceives us. We can persevere through depending on God in prayer, trusting in God's Word, and keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus - for His glory!

Change of Tactics

(cf. Nehemiah 4:1-3, 7-8; 2:19)

Focus on an I_____ (vv.2, 6-7, 10)

Opposition through D_____ (cf. Genesis 3:1-6, Matthew 4:1-11)

3 Attempts against Nehemiah (vv.1-14)

1. D_____ (vv.1-4)
(cf. Mark 1:32-39, 8:31-33; Matthew 22:34-40, 28:18-20)

2. A_____ (vv.5-9)
(cf. Revelation 12:10, Romans 8:33-34, Mark 2:6-7, 15-16, 3:1-6, 11-30; 1:9-10)

3. M_____ (vv.10-14)
(cf. Numbers 18:7, 2 Corinthians 11:12-15, Mark 11:27-33, 12:13-17, 12:18-27, 12:28-34, 14:1-2)

Nehemiah's Response(s)

D_____ & F_____ (vv.2-5, 12-13)

P_____ & God's W_____ (vv.8-9, 11, 14)
(cf. Nehemiah 1:4, 2:4, 4:4, 5:6, 5:19; 6:11)

Completion of the Wall (vv.15-16)

W_____ of God to the G_____ of God by A_____ Nations

Reflection Questions

- In what ways do you find yourself distracted these days? What things tend to pull you away from what you need to focus on, esp. when it comes to your faith?
- Have you ever been falsely accused of something? How did you feel -- and how did you respond? Are there areas of your life where you find yourself being "falsely accused" by Satan or sin -- even though you have already repented and been forgiven by Jesus?
- In the face of difficulties, are you more (or less) tempted to sin? Why? Are you more susceptible to temptation and sin when things are going well or not?
- When have you experienced the power of prayer and God's Word to help you in your struggle against difficulties, sin & temptation? In what ways do you need to recenter yourself in prayer and the Word of God?
- How could the difficulties or temptations you are currently facing lead to the praise & glory of God by those around you?
- How does this passage point you to Jesus and the gospel message?

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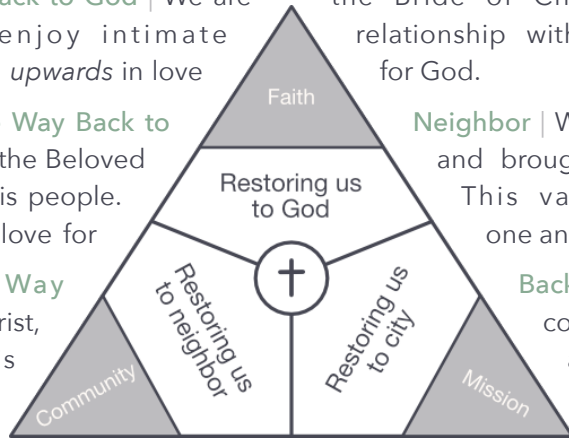
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COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. church *inwards* in love for

Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal This value presses our one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his value presses our in love for the

Back to City | We are commissioned by the ambassadors. This church *outwards* unbelieving.



Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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Announcement Spotlight

All Church Hangout - Today!

On occasional Sundays throughout the year we invite the church to enjoy picnic-style afternoons together immediately following the service.

The Plan: After service, bring or buy your lunch and join us at the tables out back for a picnic-style afternoon. We'll also have the gym to play in!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at info@mercyhillchurch.org.

Mercy Hill Kids/Youth - Graduation Celebration!

You are all invited to come celebrate and welcome our incoming 6th graders to Mercy Hill Youth after our worship service on June 11th (Sunday, approx. 11:45am-12:30pm). Come join us as we celebrate our "graduating" 5th graders with sharing, prayer and gifts! Light refreshments will be provided as well. This is open to not just youth and parents but the whole church family!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at youth@mercyhillchurch.org.

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