



The Resilience that a Leader Shows
Nehemiah 4:1-23

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Without exception, one character trait every true leader must possess is that of resilience. Resilience implies both strength and flexibility.

According to Merriam-Webster, “resilience” means *the ability to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens, or the ability of something to return to its original shape after it has been pulled, stretched, pressed, or bent.*

When God stirs your heart for a righteous cause, He expects you to step out in faith and take action. However, many leaders stumble over Satan’s three big obstacles of doubt, discouragement, and distractions.

In our text, Nehemiah and his people had stepped out in faith to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, but obstacles quickly surfaced.

The Main Thought...

- ➔ When doubt, discouragement and distractions arise, a true spiritual leader must be _____.
- 1. **Strongly _____ in the work you are doing (v. 1-6).**
Neh. 2:17-18, 20a; 3:5; 6:17-19
- 2. **Show _____ in the face of discouragement (v. 7-23).**
 - There was _____ from the outside (v. 7-9).
 - There was _____ on the inside (v. 10-11).
 - There was _____ from all sides (v. 12-23).Ex. 14:13-14a; Deut. 31:6; Josh. 1:9; Acts 4:19-20
- 3. **Stay _____ in spite of distractions (6:1-16).**
Pr. 14:15

Some words to remember when Satan tries to make you quit...

- *I’m doing a _____ work and I cannot come down (6:3).*
- *No such _____ as you say have been done (6:8).*
- *Should such a man as I _____ away (6:11)?*