



***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)?*