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**Expect Challenges when
doing God's Will!**

Nehemiah 2:9-20

Opposition will arise when we follow the Lord!

(vs.9-10)

- Can you imagine the different emotions going on in Nehemiah as he journeyed to Jerusalem?
- But things changed drastically when he arrives in Jerusalem.
- Martin Luther King said, “Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
- George Seaton said, “Faith is believing in things when common sense tells you not to.”

Nehemiah evaluates the situation!

(vs.11-16)

- Nehemiah took 3 days to rest, pray and prepare for what was next.
- Ezra 8:32
- Nehemiah went out in the secrecy of darkness to discover God's plan.
- There are times to act quickly and there are other times in which we need to slow down and to seek God's wisdom.

Nehemiah shares God's vision for Jerusalem!

(vs.17-18)

- Robert Louis Stevenson said, “Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others.”
- Nehemiah did 3 things:
 - He asks the people to see what he saw!
 - He asks them to own the work!
 - He tells the people that this is God's mission & idea, so He will give the victory!
- “Faith can move mountains, but don't be surprised if God hands you a shovel.”

Opposition continues to grow!

(vs.19-20)

- Sanballat, Tobiah & Geshem continue to mock Nehemiah and the Jews.
- Words can attack our character and our personal being & that hurts.
- It is human nature to want to strike back, but Nehemiah stands strong.
- He reminds these men that God has called them to this task and God will give them the victory!

Lessons we can learn!

- God has called us to walk by faith, not by sight!
- If God is calling you to do something, arise and do it!
- Remember that our battle is not with flesh & blood, but Satan & his demons!
- God has called us to be obedient, not successful in the eyes of the world!
- Galatians 6:9