

## **Week 3: Standing Strong in the Face of Opposition**

**Series:** The Good Work

**Scripture:** Nehemiah 4

**Reader:** James 1:2-8

You can \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

*When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. (4:1)*

*Expect \_\_\_\_\_ opposition when you do the will of God.*

God is calling all of us to \_\_\_\_\_ up. To serve, to tithe, to pray, to invite, to show love, not just in the church, but \_\_\_\_\_ the church in the world.

### **How do you respond to critics?**

1. The answer is, most of the time, you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Your response isn't going to \_\_\_\_\_ your critics.
  - Nehemiah knows that he doesn't answer to his \_\_\_\_\_, but that he answers to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and get back to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Pray as if everything \_\_\_\_\_ on God, and then work as if everything depends on \_\_\_\_\_.
    - We can all be both spiritual and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Take the focus off of \_\_\_\_\_, and put it on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - “Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome.” (4:14)
  - God would rather you think about his \_\_\_\_\_, than those who oppose his \_\_\_\_\_.