

MOVING AHEAD IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION | NEHEMIAH 2:9-20

God had put a burden on Nehemiah's heart. That burden was for Jerusalem and its people. Nehemiah was crushed after learning that it was still in ruins. He wanted God's name lifted high in Jerusalem, and he wanted the people encouraged. After a few months of prayer and fasting, Nehemiah received the opportunity to approach King Artaxerxes. God had paved the way and the King delivered, promising Nehemiah time off, protection, and the provision of building materials. When we courageously follow God, we will face opposition. Nehemiah moved on to the next step of the journey God laid out for him. He faced enemies from outside of Jerusalem, but also had to face an enemy just as tough. The enemy within. How did Nehemiah move ahead in the face of opposition? How do we move ahead and follow God in the face of opposition?

1. We do the hard work of _____ and _____ and acknowledge the _____ of the task. (2:9-15).

2. We approach the difficulties with _____, recognizing that God can bring _____ out of the most difficult situations (2:16-18).

3. We comprehend that the best incentive to move ahead in the face of opposition is knowing God is _____ our _____ (2:19-20).