

# NEHEMIAH

## Chapter 4 - 3/10/19

### OVERVIEW

The people in our lives play a huge part in who we are. They can be our biggest supporters and confidants – but what happens when they don't understand or support how God is changing us? As we take ownership together, the people around us might be threatened by that change. How do we approach opposition and problems from friends, family, and coworkers who aren't ready to embrace the same ownership? Let's bring it to God and prepare ourselves for that.

Scriptures: Nehemiah 4:1-14,16-23 (ESV), John 3:19-20 (ESV), Philippians 1:6 (ESV), Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

### APPLICATION

1. When you get criticized for doing something at work, home, etc. – what do you tend to do? What is your first response?
2. This section of Nehemiah describes a building scene where each man worked together and then “each man kept his weapon at his right hand.” They knew that they had work to do, but they knew they were in a fight. How is this similar in your spiritual life?
3. This section of Nehemiah also shows that individual efforts are, basically, dangerous. It takes a group of God-fearing people to rebuild the wall, and those people realize that the work is dangerous. Why would God give us a dangerous work to do? How does that strengthen your spiritual life?
4. Dave ended today's talk with a focus on faith. We need to strengthen our faith as we work to build God's kingdom. Where would you consider your faith weak?
5. We have been talking about a shift from being spectators at BRCC to being owners—especially when times get tough. In those hard moments, what are some practical steps to remember that God is our source of strength?
6. HOMEWORK: Continue reading in Nehemiah.