Pressing on in Obedience in Spite of the Opposition

(Neh. 4:1-14)

Intro.

Persistent Verbal Opposition (1-6)

a) Weakness – 2 Cor. 12:9, 10
b) Motive – Hag. 1:8
c) Offerings – 1 Sam. 15:22, Micah 6:6-8
d) Faith – Heb. 10:36
e) Availability – Eze. 37
f) Quality – 1 Cor. 3:12, 13

PRAYER – despised, reap what sown, demoralization but progress

Planned Physical Opposition (7-9)

a) Surrounded
b) PRAYER and a guard - Col. 4:2

Predictable Opposition (10-14)

a) Discouragement – 4 levels
b) More threats/intimidation – 10 times
c) Encouragement

Life Response

1. Obedience is hard, but His grace and power are sufficient for any task. Let us take care of our wall before us.

2. Let us get in the habit of praying for families to be added, for ministries, and for elders.

3. "Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. (Mk. 14:38)

4. Don't focus on the giants and the voices of discouragement, but on God Himself, His names, His character, His mercies, and His works in the past. He is great and awesome!

5. Remember greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.