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Let's Get It Started

Nehemiah 4:1-3, 6-9, 14

1 Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews, **2** saying in front of his friends and the Samarian army officers, "What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they're doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?"

6 At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm. **7** But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious. **8** They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion. **9** But we prayed to our God and guarded the city day and night to protect ourselves.

14 Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!"

How do you develop a mindset of moving forward?

1. Adapt to what is going on around you

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Philippians 4:6-7

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Deuteronomy 2:1-5

1 "Then we turned around and headed back across the wilderness toward the Red Sea, just as the Lord had instructed me, and we wandered around in the region of Mount Seir for a long time. **2** "Then at last the Lord said to me, **3** 'You have been wandering around in this hill country long enough; turn to the north. **4** Give these orders to the people: "You will pass through the country belonging to your relatives the Edomites, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. The Edomites will feel threatened, so be careful. **5** Do not bother them, for I have given them all the hill country around Mount Seir as their property, and I will not give you even one square foot of their land.

2. Overcome the disruptions of the times

Matthew 6:34 "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

1 Peter 5:8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

3. Make decisions according to the spirit not your emotions

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