

Restoring The Gate: A Journey of Renewal Through Nehemiah

(Nehemiah 6)

“Don’t Come Down!”

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So I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?”
(Nehemiah 6:3, NASB95)

I. The Enemy Wants to _____ You (vv. 1-4)

When Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall and that no gap was left in it—though at that time I had not installed the doors in the city gates—Sanballat and Geshem sent me a message: “Come, let’s meet together in the villages of the Ono Valley.” They were planning to harm me. (Nehemiah 6:1–2, CSB)

Principle: The enemy often uses “good opportunities” to distract us from God’s purpose.

II. The Enemy Wants to _____ You (vv. 5-14)

Then I replied to him, “There is nothing to these rumors you are spreading; you are inventing them in your own mind.” For they were all trying to intimidate us, saying, “They will drop their hands from the work, and it will never be finished.”
(Nehemiah 6:8–9, CSB)

Principle: Lies, gossip, and fear are tools to weaken God’s people.

III. You Should _____! (vv. 3, 9)

“I am doing a great work and I cannot come down.”

“But now, my God, strengthen my hands.” (Nehemiah 6:9, CSB)

Principle: Staying focused and prayerful is the key to resisting distractions.

IV. God Will _____ What He Started (vv. 15-19)

“The wall was completed in fifty-two days, on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul. When all our enemies heard this, all the surrounding nations were intimidated and lost their confidence, for they realized that this task had been accomplished by our God.” (Nehemiah 6:15–16, CSB)

Principle: When we don’t come down, God gets the glory.

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Small Group Discussion – Week 6

Title: Don't Come Down!

Text: Nehemiah 6:1–19

Icebreaker

- Share about a time you were working on something important and people or circumstances kept distracting you. How did you handle it?
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Digging Into the Word

1. Read Nehemiah 6:1–4. Why do you think Nehemiah refused to meet with Sanballat and Geshem, even though it sounded like a “peaceful” offer?
 2. What does Nehemiah’s statement, “*I am doing a great work and cannot come down*” (v. 3) reveal about his priorities?
 3. In verses 5–9, how did rumors and false accusations threaten the work? How do lies and gossip still damage God’s people today?
 4. How does Nehemiah’s short prayer in verse 9 show us the power of prayer under pressure?
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Applying the Word

5. What are some common “distractions” that can pull a church away from God’s mission? What about individuals?
 6. How can *The Gate* stay focused on the “great work” God is calling it to, even in the face of discouragement or outside voices?
 7. Nehemiah didn’t let fear stop him. Where do you need courage to keep building, serving, or believing right now?
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Going Deeper

8. Nehemiah’s enemies realized the work was completed “with the help of God” (v. 16). What would it look like for our church’s renewal to be so clearly God’s work that others notice?
 9. How can this group help each other stay accountable to “not come down” from God’s calling?
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Prayer Time

- Pray for focus and perseverance in God’s mission.
 - Ask God to silence distractions, lies, and fear.
 - Thank Him that He is faithful to complete the work He begins.
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Your voice matters. We’d love to hear what God is showing you through these questions. Please share your thoughts by emailing us at info@thegateoc.com — your insights will help shape the renewal and restoration of The Gate.