

Staying Committed

Our enemies said, "They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them and put a stop to the work." When the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times, "They will come up against us from every place where you may turn,"

Nehemiah 4:11-12



Open to See

The commitment of Nehemiah and the people was challenged in many ways. They experienced ridicule (4:1-3); resistance (4: 7-8); and rumors (4:11-12). Nehemiah was able to lead the people and stay committed by responding “ to these challenges correctly.

- He relied on God
- He reinforced his weak points
- He found encouragement and encouraged others
- He refused to quit
- He kept the people unified

If we are going to stay committed as a church, we must all do the same thing. We need to rely on God. We must never forget that God is our source and He is leading us. We must encourage each other in our Bible study groups and fight to keep the unity. This is how we stay committed to the journey. We celebrate, connect and contribute together. If we are able to keep these 3C's a priority in our lives, we will experience something great during this OPEN Faith Journey.

Open to Do

Look over the things Nehemiah did to build commitment. Which one of these things do you need to strengthen your commitment? Whatever it is, make a plan today for making it happen. Grow in your commitment today.

Open to Hear

God, help me remain focused on You and not be distracted by all those around me who say it can't be done. Fill me with Your strength and courage. Help me truly celebrate, connect, and contribute. I love You, Jesus.