

Commitment

Now when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repair of the walls of Jerusalem went on, and that the breaches began to be closed, they were very angry.

Nehemiah 4:7 (NASB)

Observation

No victory God brings about will go unchallenged by evil. We are going to experience real opposition as we move in faith. When the enemy realizes we are serious about moving forward, we will begin to experience opposition.

Nehemiah experienced that. The Bible says when Sanballat and Tobiah heard that the wall was "moving forward," they began to try and bring confusion. They were tools of evil. It will be no different with us as believers. This is where commitment comes in and where it will be tested. In fact, you can't really know if you are dedicated until there is opposition in your life. Facing the opposition helps us firm up our commitment. When it comes, begin to say, "I am committed and will not be distracted or confused." If we can keep our hearts focused in God's direction and not

allow confusion to enter in, we will experience great victory. God wants to help you overcome anything that comes against you, and He will often work through your commitment. Let God help you stay devoted to the journey.

Application

As we approach commitment Sunday, we need to understand there will be resistance. Don't allow confusion to set in or fear and doubt begin to lead you. The Bible says God has not given you a spirit of fear, but one of love, power and a sound mind. Walk in a sound mind today, letting the theme of your heart be commitment.