



# **Christian Faith Fellowship**

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**We are not a perfect church**

**We are not a perfect people**

**We are here because we know we need  
God's help and He has provided this help  
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**“CFF Exists to Know Christ and to Make Him  
Known!”**

- **Full Throttle Prayer Ride to Red Rock December 5 – EVERYONE welcome Please fill out the bulletin insert for RSVP. Thx**
- **Collecting Toys for the Shyann Kindness Project – there's a box in the lobby – all December long (If you would like to help with the toy distribution party fill out the connection card and drop it in the offering box**
- **Ministry area help: café, security, KidzXP, nursery, hospitality, etc. Please fill out connection card**
- **See Bulletin, App, and Web site for more info**

## Living the Faith

- **Are you spending at least 5 minutes per day reading the Bible? (listening on CD/Online?)**  
**Reading Schedule at the Welcome table.**
- **Have you shared your Conversion story/or a God Story?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week? (No agenda, no bible, no music, no journal, etc.)**

# Nehemiah

- **Nehemiah had prayed & fasted asking for God to honor His promises & to grant him favor before King Artaxerxes.**
- **He then asked the King for letters to pass to Jerusalem, give him the goods needed to rebuild the city walls and his own house – it was granted.**
- **Opposition at every turn – PRAYER First – Fully Armored for battle - Stand**
- **The wall is half up – fighting discouragement pressing on.**

## Rebuilding the Wall

**Call for God's people to live right!**

**Neh. 5:1-13** The wealthier citizens were taking advantage of the poor among the people of Jerusalem and Nehemiah challenges the people to live according to God's law and to release the oppression of the poor in the city.

**Neh. 5:14-19** Nehemiah says he did not draw the Governors salary even though he was appointed as Governor by King Artaxerxes.

## Nehemiah 6

**1** When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it—though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates— **2** Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: “Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.” But they were scheming to harm me; **3** so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?”

**4 Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.**

- So the wall is up but the gates doors aren't in place—the enemy changes tactics and tries a different approach to stop the work before it is complete!**
- Attempting to take the leader out in order to stop the work! Using distraction as the tactic, 'let's meet somewhere off site!'**
- The enemy is not slack in his desire to stop the work of God – 4 x's they tried the same thing and Nehemiah gave the same answer each time! NO**

## **Ephesians 6**

**10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.**

- We are warned in this passage to be strong in the Lord – we take our stand in Him**
- We are also told to have our armor on to take a stand ‘against the devil’s schemes’**
- Please understand church the enemy does not rest and he is always scheming ways to take us out and stop the work of God, personal work, corporate work, etc.!**

## Nehemiah 6

**5 Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter 6 in which was written: “It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king 7 and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: ‘There is a king in Judah!’ Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together.”**

## Nehemiah 6

**8 I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.” 9 They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.” ....**

- So lies & rumors - all based in fear - were used to try and stop the work and get the leadership off focus!**
- The enemy simply repackages his same tactic over and over again! Nothing new – just the same thing from a different angle!**

## Nehemiah 6

**9 .... But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”**

- So, the enemies tactics are the same and so the people of God’s tactics are the same - Prayer First!!!**

**10 One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, “Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you.”**

## Nehemiah 6

**11 But I said, “Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!” 12 I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.**

- Nehemiah was not a priest and therefore could not enter the temple! Even using prophets to proclaim false messages to make it ‘seem like God’**

## **1 John 4:1-4**

**1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.**

- We can't just believe every vision, word given, or prophetic proclamation! TEST the spirits!!!**

## **Nehemiah 6**

**14 Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophet Noadiah and how she and the rest of the prophets have been trying to intimidate me.**

- Another Prayer against those who oppose the work!**

**15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.**

- **An undeniable God work!! The entire wall was completed with the Gates hung in place in 52 days!**
- **When God does something it is undeniable and even the enemy has to see it and look again at their response:**

**16 “When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.”**

- **Their fear was based on the fact: There was no denying it was a work of God!!**

## Action Steps

- **What work in, or around, your life is the enemy trying to stop from happening?**
- **What repackaged lies are you hearing about what you can't do but God says you can?**
- **Are you praying first in facing your spiritual battles?**
- **What distraction(s) is the enemy trying to use to get you off the direction God has called you to?**
- **Have you challenged the prophetic word over you “in the name of Jesus!”**
- **Let's believe together for an undeniable God work!**