

## Pastor's Sermon Notes

### **Defeating Opposition – Nehemiah 4**

Nehemiah gives us several principles to put into practice which helps us overcome fear and opposition.

- 1. How do I react to ridicule? (vv.1-6)**
  - The ridicule of rebuilding the wall brought out the best in Nehemiah and his people.
  
- 2. Am I easily intimidated? (vv.7-9)**
  - The enemy's goal was to show a great force of strength and frighten the Jews into inactivity. So often, intimidation creates paralysis.
  
- 3. Do I quickly overcome discouragement? (v.10)**
  - When discouragement hits, focus quickly upon the magnificence of Sovereign God and how much He means to you, and you to Him; and then watch as godly confidence devours discouragement.
  
- 4. How do I respond when facing fear? (vv.11-20)**
  - In essence, Nehemiah said, "If we fear the Lord, we need not fear the enemy."