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Therefore the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart." So I became dreadfully afraid,<sup>3</sup> and said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire?"<sup>4</sup> Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.<sup>5</sup> And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

## Nehemiah 2:2-5





And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work. <sup>19</sup> But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?" <sup>20</sup> So I answered them, and said to them, "**The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.**"

**Nehemiah 2:18-20**





# VOICE OF THE ENEMY

Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry, <sup>8</sup> and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion.

**Nehemiah 4:7-8**





# VOICE OF THE ENEMY

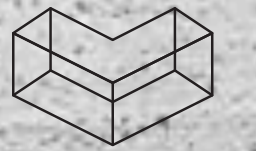
And our adversaries said, "They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease." <sup>12</sup> So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, "From whatever place you turn, they will be upon us."

**Nehemiah 4:11-12**





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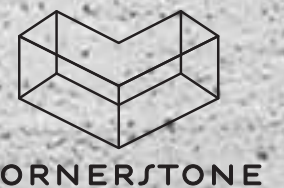


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Then Judah said, "The strength of the labourers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall."

**Nehemiah 2:18-20**





# WHAT DID NEHEMIAH DO?

So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, **for the people had a mind to work.**

**Nehemiah 4:6**

Nevertheless we **made our prayer to our God**, and because of them we **set a watch against them day and night.**

**Nehemiah 4:9**





# WHAT DID NEHEMIAH DO?

And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "**Do not be afraid** of them. **Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.**"

**Nehemiah 4:14**





# WHAT DID NEHEMIAH DO?

Every one of the builders had his **sword girded at his side as he built.** And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

**Nehemiah 4:18**

So we laboured in the work, and half of the men **held the spears from daybreak until the stars appeared.**

**Nehemiah 4:21**





  
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# WHY GOD, WHY?



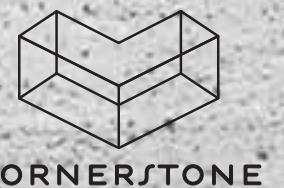
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God wastes nothing.  
He wants to build something  
far more precious than a wall.

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**FAITH**





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# WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4





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COMMIT TO HIS MISSION.  
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