

Welcome to Network Church

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Nehemiah faced 3 forms of opposition. For each one we'll look at what that meant for Nehemiah, and what might be the equivalent situation today.

尼希米面對三種形式的反對。我們來看看每一種對尼希米來說意味著什麼，以及今天可能會出現的相應情況。

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Keep on keeping on (Nehemiah 6)

繼續堅持下去 (尼希米記 六)

(1) Individuals: Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem

Verses 1-4

1When 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— 2Sanballat 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; 3so 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?” 4Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer. (NIV)

- Nehemiah's response was "Oh no!"
- Today's equivalent might be individuals we meet with who are inviting us to 'the Plain of Ono'.

(1) 個人: 參巴拉、多比雅和基善

六: 1-4

1 參巴拉、多比雅、阿拉伯人基善和我們其餘的仇敵聽見我已經修完了城牆，其中沒有破裂之處（那時我還沒有安門扇）的， 2參巴拉和基善就打發人來見我，說：「請你來，我們在阿挪平原的一個村莊相會。」他們卻想害我。 3 於是我差遣人去見他們，說：「我現在辦理大工，不能下去。焉能停工下去見你們呢？」 4 他們這樣四次打發人來見我，我都如此回答他們。（新標點和合本）

- 尼希米的反應是「哦，不！」。
- 今天相同的處境可能是我們被人邀請到「大野平原」。

2) False accusations

Verses 5-9

5Then, 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 7and 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.”

8I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.”

9They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.”(NIV)

- Nehemiah's response was 'it's not true'
His further response was to ask God to strengthen them for the work
- For today's equivalent, what is our work: We are called to be salt and light in the world and to be a witness to others:

(2) 錯誤的指控

六: 5-9

5參巴拉第五次打發僕人來見我，手裏拿着未封的信，6信上寫着說：「外邦人中有風聲，迦施慕也說，你和猶大人謀反，修造城牆，你要作他們的王；7你又派先知在耶路撒冷指着你宣講，說在猶大有王。現在這話必傳與王知；所以請你來，與我們彼此商議。」8我就差遣人去見他，說：「你所說的這事，一概沒有，是你心裏捏造的。」9他們都要使我們懼怕，意思說，他們的手必軟弱，以致工作不能成就。神啊，求你堅固我的手。(新標點和合本)

- 尼希米的回應是「這不是真的」
他進一步的回應是求神加給他們力量去完成工作。
- 相對今天而言，我們的事工是什麼：我們蒙召在世上作鹽作光，為別人作見證。

2) False accusations (Cont'd)

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Matthew 28:18-20

8 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- What are our false accusations?
- Maybe negative thoughts in our own heads about ourselves
- Maybe negative comments from others
- Our response is that God strengthens us

(2) 錯誤的指控 (續)

五: 13-16

13 「你們是世上的鹽。鹽若失了味，怎能叫它再鹹呢？以後無用，不過丟在外面，被人踐踏了。 14 你們是世上的光。城造在山上是不能隱藏的。 15 人點燈，不放在斗底下，是放在燈臺上，就照亮一家的人。 16 你們的光也當這樣照在人前，叫他們看見你們的好行為，便將榮耀歸給你們在天上的父。」

廿八: 18-20

18 耶穌進前來，對他們說：「天上地下所有的權柄都賜給我了。 19 所以，你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，奉父、子、聖靈的名給他們施洗。 20 凡我所吩咐你們的，都教訓他們遵守，我就常與你們同在，直到世界的末了。」
(新標點和合本)

- 我們的錯誤指責是什麼？
- 可能是我們自己腦海中對自己的負面想法
- 又或者是別人的負面評論
- 我們的回應是神加添我們力量。

(3) Fear

Verses 10-13

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.”

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. (NIV)

(3) 恐懼 (續)

六: 10-13

10 我到了米希大別的孫子、第來雅的兒子示瑪雅家裏；那時，他閉門不出。他說：「我們不如在神的殿裏會面，將殿門關鎖；因為他們要來殺你，就是夜裏來殺你。」

11 我說：「像我這樣的人豈要逃跑呢？像我這樣的人豈能進入殿裏保全生命呢？我不進去！」 12 我看明神沒有差遣他，是他自己說這話攻擊我，是多比雅和參巴拉賄買了他。 13 賄買他的緣故，是要叫我懼怕，依從他犯罪，他們好傳揚惡言毀謗我。

(新標點和合本)

(3) Fear (Cont'd)

Nehemiah overcomes his fear.

Today's equivalent is that fear might come to us through different ways:

- Illness
- Stress
- Difficulties

Our response:

1 John 4:18: *But perfect love drives out fear*

(3) 恐懼 (續)

尼希米克服了他的恐懼。

相對今天而言, 恐懼可能透過不同的方式來到我們跟前:

- 疾病
- 壓力
- 困難

我們的回應:

約翰一書 4:18: 愛裏沒有懼怕。

Takeaways Questions

1. Have you faced opposition like Nehemiah?
2. Or a different form of opposition?
3. What was your response?
4. What have you learned from how Nehemiah responded?

小組討論問題

1. 你曾經面對過像尼希米一樣反對嗎？
2. 又或是不同形式的反對？
3. 你的回應是甚麼？
4. 你從尼希米的回應中學到了甚麼？