

Me Against the World Part II



**Nehemiah
6:1-13**

If last week wasn't enough

**We had to overcome
Crabs in a barrel
Ridicule
Threats**



Nehemiah's opposition didn't stop!

THERE'S MORE

Main Idea

No matter how difficult the race gets stay focused on the finish line



NEHEMIAH 6:1-4

Nehemiah 6 Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), 2 Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. 3 And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" 4 And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner.

NEHEMIAH 6:1-4

Nehemiah 6:5 In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. 6 In it was written, "It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king. 7 And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, 'There is a king in Judah.' And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together." 8 Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind."

NEHEMIAH 6:1-4

Nehemiah 6:9 For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done." But now, O God, strengthen my hands.

10 Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was confined to his home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night."

11 But I said, "Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in." 12 And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me.

The Work is Almost Done

Nehemiah's team can see the end

**The walls are up
(Only the gates remain)**

But his enemies can see the end

And step up their game

**Distract
Discredit
Deceive**



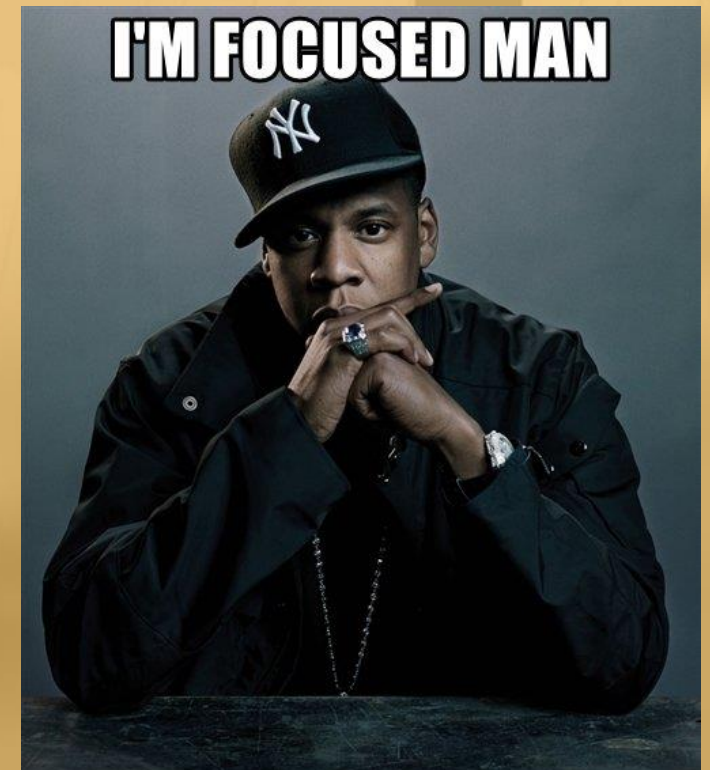
Distraction

The project is nearly complete

Come and let us meet together

But they intended to do me harm.

***“I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?”
(verse 4)***



Discredit

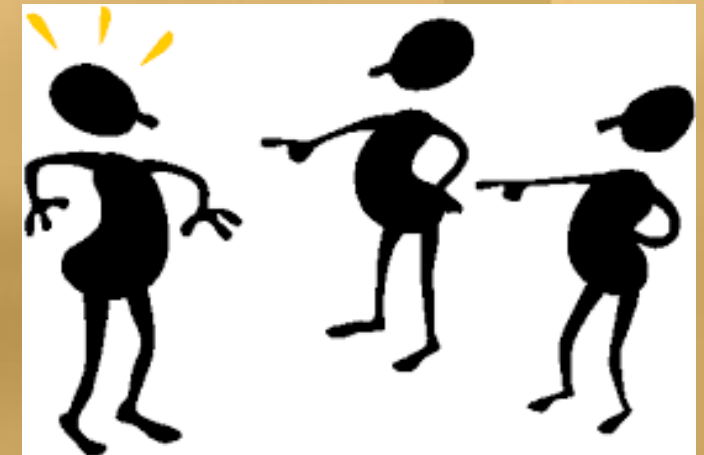
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Deception

When nothing else works

They send a false prophet

Test the spirits

Use wisdom

Every that looks good to you
Is not good for you!!



Tell the opposition

**My work is too important
To be distracted**

**You may try to discredit my name
But God will strengthen my
hands**

**I won't be deceived by your lies
Because His Spirit guides me**

God can do a lot in 52 days!!!

