

## SERIES – REBUILD: The Journey from Brokenness to Restoration

### Part Five: Discernment and Determination

#### Nehemiah 6:1-16

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Main Point: Any great work of restoration can encounter great opposition. The question is.. “what do we need to know to persevere?”

- When we are committed to God’s work of restoration we become a threat to the enemy, because his goal is to stop the work of God in your life and in the lives of others.
- But if you commit yourself to God, there are several reminders from Nehemiah 6 to help us persevere when it gets even more difficult.

#### Persevering in the Work of Restoration.

- A. You can trust God for discernment.  
...In what is happening and how to respond
- B. You can say no to the enemy’s schemes.
  1. Distraction and compromises
  2. Getting tangled up in disinformation
  3. Deception and intimidation
- C. You can be determined to persevere where it most counts.
  1. Where are we to be determined?
    - a) *Our job is to identify that great work and protect our involvement in that great work from different kinds of opposition.*
    - a) *You are engaged in a great work of some sort. Identify it/them. Commit to it. Protect it. Be determined with it. And yes, sometimes you need to fight for it.*
  2. Some clues: where the brokenness is obvious, the stakes are high, mandate is clear, and grace is given.
  3. The example of Nehemiah reminds us of Jesus.
    - a) *Luke 9:51 (NIV)*

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

- b) *Because of Jesus resolute focus and determination to head to Jerusalem, we can also have a holy determination in the great work He has us doing.*