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(10:30AM to 11:45 AM)

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Welcome to Yorktown Vineyard

December 6th, 2020

Announcements

Welcome to All

Welcome to our members, visitors, and friends here today and welcome to those watching us via Zoom. May God bless all of you abundantly for your love and support of this ministry.

Our Dave Jennings will be delivering the sermon on December 13th. Come hear what God is saying to us through this man of God. You can also participate via Zoom.

Please be reminded of the following:

- Everyone is required to wear a mask
- During worship and singing – please keep masks on!
- All windows will be opened in the sanctuary during services

We appreciate you taking the time to fellowship with us. We hope that you enjoy the service and encounter Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

Our Purpose

“Pleasing God and Advancing His Kingdom”

Our purpose is to please God and advance his kingdom by bringing people to Jesus and membership in his family, developing them to Christ like maturity, and equipping them for their ministry in the church and their mission in the world. Our vision is to help everyone be “Rooted in Christ, Growing in Love”.

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Breaking Through Opposition – Part2

Every decision you make for God will be opposed by the enemy. In today's sermon, we will see the strategies of the enemy in opposing Nehemiah's efforts to rebuild the broken-down walls of Jerusalem and how Nehemiah overcame them.

Nehemiah 2 (NIV) - Opposition to the Rebuilding

¹⁰ When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, **they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites.**

¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, **they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?"**

Nehemiah 4

4 When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he **became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews...**

⁷ But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, **they were very angry.** ⁸ **They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.**

¹⁰ Meanwhile, **the people in Judah said**, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall."

¹¹ Also **our enemies said**, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work."

¹² Then **the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over**, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us."

¹⁵ When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to our own work.

5 Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their fellow Jews. ² Some were saying, "We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, **we must get grain.**"

³ Others were saying, "We are **mortgaging** our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine."

⁴ Still others were saying, "**We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards.**" ⁵ Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our fellow Jews and though our children are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others."

⁶ When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. ⁷ I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, "**You are charging your own people interest!**" So I called together a large meeting to deal with them ⁸ and said: "As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your own people, only for them to be sold back to us!" They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say.

⁹ So I continued, "What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? ¹⁰ I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest! ¹¹ **Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil.**"

¹² "We will give it back," they said. "And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say."

Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. ¹³ I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, "In this way may God shake out of their house and possessions anyone who does not keep this promise. So may such a person be shaken out and emptied!"

At this the whole assembly said, "Amen," and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

Pastor Earl.