

Order of Service
(10:30AM to 11:45 AM)

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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



Welcome to Yorktown Vineyard

November 29th, 2020

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

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 decision to rebuild the broken-down walls of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 2 (NIV)

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.**

¹⁷ Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." ¹⁸ I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

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?"**

²⁰ I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

Nehemiah 4 - Opposition to the Rebuilding

4 When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he **became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews,** ² and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?"

³ Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, "What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!"

⁴ Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. ⁵ Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of ^[b] the builders.

⁶ So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

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.** ⁹ But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

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."

¹³ Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. ¹⁴ After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, **"Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."**

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.

Pastor Earl.