

Halfway There

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Rebuilding The Wall

- **Stage 1 Attack: Outside Enemy**
- **1 Cor 16:9 ...for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries**
- **Tactic = tease, despise, accuse**
 - Distract & Discourage
- **Response = bold declaration**
- **Chapter 3 = Unity**
 - Diverse Builders
 - Each did their part
 - Worked without complaining
 - Worked without telling neighbor how to do their job
 - Worked (mostly) in front of their house
- **Enemy brings: Fury/Doubt/?s 4:1-3**
- **Response = Prayer v4, 5**
- **Halfway There v6 danger point**
 - Excitement has worn off
 - Tired physically
 - Hard to see progress
 - A lot has been done a lot left to do
- **Success = people had a mind to work**
- **Enemy Surrounds & Conspires v7-8**
- **Heb 10:35-11:1**
- **Response = Prayed...again & set up a guard - day & night v9**
- **Their hearts were dry tinder; the match was words...negative words**
- **1 Cor 15:33 / Mk 4:24 Pay attention to who you're w/ & what you hear**
- **Losses are mounting v10, 11**
 - Strength: failing; I've done my part
 - Vision: Rubbish is overwhelming
 - Confidence: We are unable
 - Security: surprise attacks threatened
- **Warning 10x ... or panic?**
- **Response = stationed in low & exposed part w/ equipped families**

Halftime!

Nehemiah's Pep Talk

- **Do not be afraid**
- **Remember The Lord**
 - Heb 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith...
 - "I need you to listen with your eyes"
 - Col 3:2 Set your mind on the things above
- **Fight for... others**

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- **3rd Qtr v15**
- **God wasn't just building a wall...
He was building His people**
- **Overcoming the attack was not the victory; getting back to work was!**
- **Purpose of the struggle - the emerging butterfly**
- **Psalm 144:1 Blessed be the Lord, my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle**
- **v16-18 a weapon & a tool**
- **v19, 20 communicate don't separate**
- **v21-23 Non-stop work sends a msg**
- **Stage 2 Attack = Inside Enemy**

End of 4th Qtr

52 Days

Wall Complete!

A Poke Thru Jello

- **Chuck Yeager**
- **Supersonic**
- **Oct 14, 1947**

Roof Repair Lk 5:15-26

- **v17 and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing**
- **v19 But not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd**
- **v20 Seeing their faith, He said**
- **v25 Immediately he got up**
- **v26 They were all struck with astonishment and began glorifying God**

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“There Is a Joy” by Sean Feucht

There is a joy in the Holy Ghost,
There are pleasure evermore
Oh oohh oh oh Oh oohh oh oh
Oh my feet are standing sure,
Hope is the anchor of my soul
Oh oohh oh oh Oh oohh oh oh
I lift my eyes up
I set my heart on things above
I lift my hands high
And fill this land with a song of You