

Message: 7th February 2021 Preacher: Phil Greenbury

READY, SET, GO #4

- 1. EVERY TIME GOD LEADS YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE OR DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL OR LASTING FOR THE KINGDOM, OR BE GENEROUS OR STEP OUT IN FAITH. THERE WILL BE OPPOSITION AND SPIRITUAL RESISTANCE TO SLOW YOUR DOWN AND ULTIMATELY STOP YOU.
- 2. WHEN THE WORK STARTS TO BUILD THE OPPOSITION SHOWS UP!

Nehemiah 4:4-9

"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. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders. So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart. 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. They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat."

Nehemiah 4:10-14

"Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the labourers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall." 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." Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us." 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. 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."

3. WHEN WE WALK IN THE POWER OF GOD HE WALKS IN WITH US