

Nehemiah: Building a Life of Faith
Putting My Faith Into Action
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Four steps to putting my faith into action:

Be prepared for obstacles (vs 9-10)

- They will come
- Don't become discouraged

Take time to assess the situation (vs 11-16)

- Be patient
- Be wise
- Be realistic

Commit to do the work (vs 17-18)

- Stay focused on the glory of God
- See the need
- Embrace a new perspective

Stand firm against opposition (vs 19-20)

- Know that it is God's work
- Know that you are God's servant
- Know that the enemy has no part in the matter

My Personal Survey...

What obstacles have kept me from acting in faith in the past? Why?

Would I characterize myself as

- 1) one who clings to the comfort of the past or
- 2) as one who desires to see God do something new and challenging?

What would help me to change my thinking?

How does my view of God affect my ability to put my faith into action? Does Nehemiah's example today cause me to be more willing to accept new challenges of faith? Why or why not?