

Nehemiah: Building a Life of Faith
A Growing Faith Will Find Opposition
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If I am growing in my faith I will...

- **Always experience opposition (4:1-3)**
 - When things are going well, be ready for trouble
(v 1; 2 Cor 2:11)
 - Beware of doubt and discouragement
(v 1-3; Heb 12:1-3; Isa 41:9-10)

- **Learn to trust God (4:4-6)**
 - Call on God through prayer
(v 4-5; Matt 26:36-43; Acts 4:18-31; Heb 5:7-8)
 - Get back to the work
(v 6;; John 4:24; 17:4-5; 19:30; 2 Tim 4:6-7)

- **Find that the opposition will intensify (4:7-8)**
 - The opposition may increase
(v 7; 1 Sam 19:27; Dan 6:1-28)
 - The opposition may become hostile (v 8; Mk 3:6;
Lk 23:20; John 11:53; Acts 9:23-25; 14:19)

- **Seek God and be more alert to the enemy (4:9)**
 - I will have a mind to build (Phil 2:1-8; 1 Cor 15:58)
 - I will have a heart to pray (Eph 6:18; Phil 4:6-7)
 - I will have an eye to watch (1 Thes 5:6; 1 Pet 5:8-9)

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Making it personal...

Am I facing any opposition in an area of my life today? What will I do this week to overcome that opposition?

Am I involved in the work of growing spiritually? Who could I ask to confirm my answer?

What am I doing that makes me think I am growing in faith? What am I not doing that would help me to grow more?

What area of weakness in my spiritual development do I need to give more attention to now?