

**Nehemiah: Building a Life of Faith
Finishing Strong - Dealing With Distractions
Nehemiah 6:1-19 (page 339)**

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The **nearer** we come to victory and fulfillment of God's **will**,
the more **personal** the **attacks** from the enemy
(Neh 6:1; 2 Sam 11; Jonah 3-4; Gen 39)

We may be attacked by

- The temptation to **compromise** our faith
(Neh 6:2-4; Jas 4:4-5; 1 Ki 18:21)
√ *Response:* "I **won't** come **down**" (vs 3-4)
- The **slander** of others (Neh 6:5-9; Luke 23:1-5; Ps 31:13-18)
√ *Response:* **Deny** the rumor, **pray** and get back to **work**
(vs 8-9)
- **Threats** to our **welfare**
(Neh 6:10-14; Num 18:5-7; Luke 12:4-7)
√ *Response:* "I will **not go in**" (v 11)
- **Intimidation** from others
(Neh 6:17-19; Ps 64:2-6; 2 Sam 15:1-12; Matt 26:3-4)
√ *Response:* **Ignore** the words and keep **working** (v 15-16)

To finish **strong**, we must remember that the enemy **blasts**,
but God **builds** (Neh 6:15-16; Gen 50:19-21; Matt 16:18; Phil 1:6)

Making it happen....

What distractions that keep me from God's work in my life do I need to
say "no" to? Identify them.

What will I begin to do to say "yes" to God's priorities in each of those
areas of my life this week?

List one or two actions to take to overcome those "distractions" that will
help me pursue my spiritual growth and finish strong