

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP

OVERCOME: Part 2

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*For everyone born of God overcomes the world.
This is the victory that has **OVERCOME** the world, even our faith.
1 Jn 5:4 (NIV)*

TACTICS TO DISCOURAGE

1. _____
“What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they’re doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?...That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!” Ne 4:2-3 (NLT)
2. _____
At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm. Then the people of Judah began to complain, “The workers are getting tired, and there is so much rubble to be moved. We will never be able to build the wall by ourselves.” Ne 4:6,10 (NLT)
3. _____
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.” Ne 4:11 (NIV)

...the devil...has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. Jn 8:44 (NLT)
4. _____
But time after time Jews who were living among our enemies came to warn us of the plans our enemies were making against us. Ne 4:12 (GNT)

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Pe 5:8 (NLT)

TOOLS TO ENCOURAGE

1. _____ **God’s help.**

Then I prayed, “Hear us, our God, for we are being mocked...” Ne 4:4 (NLT)

They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion. But we prayed to our God and guarded the city day and night to protect ourselves. Ne 4:8-9 (NLT)

As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength. Ps 138:3 (NLT)

2. _____ on the truth.

Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people... Ne 4:14a (NLT)

Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Php 4:8 (The Message)

Encourage me by your word. Ps 119:28b (NLT)

3. _____ vulnerabilities.

So I stationed armed guards at the most vulnerable places of the wall... Ne 4:13a (The Message)

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. Eph 6:11 (NLT)

Encourage me to walk in your truth and teach me since you are the God who saves me. For my hope is in you all day long— Ps 25:5 (NJB)

4. _____ who's on your side.

...I said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!" Ne 4:14 (NLT)

Tell everyone who is discouraged, "Be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue..." Is 35:4 (GNT)

When our enemies heard that we knew of their plans and that God had frustrated them, we all returned to our work on the wall. Ne 4:15 (NLT)

5. _____ support.

I positioned people by their families...the people were armed with swords, spears, and bows. Ne 4:13 (God's Word)

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, ...comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all. 1 Th 5:14 (NET)

*...I am writing these things to you now...[that] you will know how to live in the family of God.
That family is the church of the living God, 1 Ti 3:14-15a (NCV)*

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LAST THOUGHT:

Use discouragement as a reminder that I'm making a _____!

*Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
Is 41:10 (NLT)*