

The Battlefield in Which We Fight

Lessons from Nehemiah 4-6

- The battleground of criticism & ridicule
 - Nehemiah 4:1-3
 - Response:
 - Nehemiah 4:4-6
 - Prayed, determined, worked

- **The battleground of criticism & ridicule**
 - 2 Timothy 3:12
 - Acts 24:14; 26:24
 - 2 Corinthians 10:1, 10
 - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 - 1 Corinthians 4:3-4
 - Galatians 1:10; 5:11
 - Matthew 5:11-12; 5:44-48

- **The battleground of open warfare**
 - Nehemiah 4:7-12
 - Response:
 - Nehemiah 4:13-23
 - Recognized as real
 - Not to fear because they are on the Lord's side
 - Took up sword for defense
 - Built – kept working, while at the same time ready to fight the enemy

- The battleground of open warfare

- 1 Peter 5:8
- Romans 16:18
- Philippians 1:17
- Ephesians 6:17
- Hebrews 4:12
- Hebrews 5:12-14
- 1 Timothy 6:3-5
- Titus 1:9
- Galatians 1:8-9

- The battleground of internal strife
 - Nehemiah 5:1-5
 - Response:
 - Nehemiah 5:6-13
 - Righteous indignation
 - The sin identified and rebuked
 - Repentance, which included restoration
 - “Then the people did”

- **The battleground of internal strife**
 - 1 Corinthians 6:1-8
 - Ephesians 4:25-31
 - Romans 12:9-21
 - Matthew 7:12
 - Galatians 5:15

- **The battleground of compromise**
 - Nehemiah 6:1-2; 4-7; 10-13
 - Response:
 - Nehemiah 6:3; 8-9, 11-14
 - Summed up: “No”
 - Discerned the intent
 - Work must not cease
 - Unwilling to be weakened

- The battleground of compromise
 - Psalm 1:1
 - 1 Peter 2:9
 - 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1
 - Romans 13:11-14
 - 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 – Cultural
 - Galatians 2:4-5

- **Four great battlegrounds of faith:**
 - Ridicule, criticism, persecution
 - Open warfare
 - Internal strife
 - Compromise
- **Nehemiah 6:15-16**