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Series: Hometown
Part 3: When Opposed, Keep Working
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1. Is there something you want to do in your life or your spiritual life? Has anyone tried to discourage you from that, or have you met opposition? If so, how did you stay committed?

2. Did you meet some need this week for anyone other than a family member? Are you in a season of your life where you feel like certain family members are your ministry?

3. Do you know anyone who has adopted or fostered a child? Were there any difficulties that required commitment?

4. Has anyone insulted you or become angry with you when you've tried to do something good?

5. The oppressors of those building the wall around Jerusalem called the workers "feeble." What other insults do people hurl at people doing God's work?

6. What do you want to do (or what have you done) when you're insulted? What did Nehemiah do? (**Nehemiah prayed and let God take care of the situation.**) How has God strengthened and encouraged you when you've sought his help?

7. What have you or others done for God that seems tiring and even overwhelming like the workers facing the pile of rubble that needed to be turned into a wall? What can you think of that seems that overwhelming and does this sermon and the passage it's based on speak to that?

8. When have you allowed the enemy's voice to be louder than God's voice?

9. How would our lives change today if we heeded Nehemiah's words: "Remember the Lord who is great and awesome."

10. What are four things Ted listed that stop us from doing something for God? (**Age, lack of experience, previous failure, perceived incompetence**) List other things that stop you.

11. Name a biblical character besides Jesus that didn't have a stated flaw. (**None**)

12. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:10-12) What is the full armor of God? (**Read Ephesians 6:14-18.**)