**Nehemiah 4**

*Overcoming Opposition*

1.  Recount the details in this chapter which emphasize prayer.  What do you think of Nehemiah's prayer in vv. 4 - 5?  Is it appropriate to pray similar prayers today?

2.  Review how "day and night" is repeated in 1: 6 and 4:9.  Also notice how fight is repeated in (4:8, 4: 14, and 4: 20).  What dynamic do you see in this passage between praying and protecting, between God's work and human's work?  Do you consider yourself a strong protector?  Why or why not?

3.  Where are you currently experiencing opposition?  Review how the Jews divided their time between protection and progress.  How much time and energy do you think you should devote to protection and how much to progress?  What can you do to protect yourself and others in the process?  What can you do to continue to progress in spite of the opposition?