

Nehemiah: Leading Through Challenges

Nehemiah 4

God's people are being criticized.
[Nehemiah 4:1-3](#)

Leadership myths and truths
[Nehemiah 4:4-12](#)

Sources of discouragement
[Nehemiah 4:10](#)

Things that Nehemiah does to push through.
[Nehemiah 4:13-23](#)

Considerations for the week

Think of a time in literature or film when a character faced a seemingly unsurmountable difficulty. How did it play out?

What is the greatest or most difficult project that you have attempted?

What is the greatest obstacle that you have ever faced?

Sometimes, we can be quitters or critics or difference-makers. Tell of times when you consider yourself to have been one (or more) of these. How do you think other people would describe you in those circumstances? If there is a difference in perspectives, consider why that may be.

Read [Chapter 4](#) paying particular attention to Nehemiah's prayers and words about God.

After being taunted: Verses 4-5

After being threatened: Verse 9

After they despaired: Verse 14

After arming themselves: Verse 20

How do these prayers and statements of trust in God play a pivotal role in the chapter?

Call to mind times when living for God has been difficult. When are you most often discouraged? Inviting the Holy Spirit into your thoughts, carefully consider how Nehemiah could be an example for you of overcoming.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

– James 1:12, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

[Isaiah 55:6-7](#)

[Proverbs 16:1-3](#)

[2 Corinthians 13:14](#)

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude, *Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart and In the Garden*

Welcome

Call to worship

Hymn, *Come People of the Risen King*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

Hymn number 486 in the hymnal,
Faith Is the Victory

Hymn, *Faithful Now*

Offertory

Reading

Special music, *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Message

Spotlighting ministries

Hymn of response

Work for the Night Is Coming

Benediction

Postlude, *Send the Light*

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served 5:30-6:30 pm.

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Men's Bible study, Thursday, 7 pm

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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Food Drive for CCSC – Now through Nov. 3

Fall Festival Saturday, October 26, 4-8pm

Our Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 15. If you'd like to sing with the choir or play in the orchestra, please contact John Lott.

Magnificat House Help with lawn care. Saturday, October 19. Meet at the church at 8:30 am.

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