

“Stepping Up and Out in Faith: Part 2”

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Sermon Notes – Pastor Ron Schultz

1. Nehemiah: a quick historical review

- Many Jews were still in exile including Nehemiah
- 70 years in exile prophecy, Jeremiah 25:11, 12
- Nehemiah served King Artaxerxes I as a cupbearer (2:11)
- Walls and gates in disrepair (1:3)

2. Events Time Line

Zerubbabel Returns 537	Esther Queen 479	Nehemiah's 1st Return 444	Nehemiah's Term ends 432
539	515	457	?
Cyrus' Decree	Temple finished/ Dedicated	Ezra Returns Artaxerxes I	Nehemiah's 2 nd Return

3. **FF (Faith Factor) Principle No. 1:** When circumstances become unacceptable, respond with _____. (1:4, 2:4)

4. (2:7-8) **FF Principle No. 2:** Trusting in God's providence, Nehemiah “makes the _____.”

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5. (2:9, 11) **FF Principle No. 3:** Nehemiah not only STEPS UP (decides to address an unacceptable situation) but he STEPS _____ (“I went”) and goes.
6. (2:13-18) **FF Principle No.4:** Be careful not to _____ out of the starting blocks. Nehemiah researches, evaluates and carefully before announcing his plans.
7. (2:19; 4:1, 7,8) **FF Principle No. 5:** When you step up and out in faith for God _____ resistance and even hostility from the forces of evil.

“The experience of Nehemiah is repeated in the history of God's people in this time.” Signs of the Times, December 13, 1883

“Ths same difficulties are experienced by those who are now seeking to make up the breach in the law of God. The servants of the Lord must expect every kind of discouragement.” ST, 12/13/1883

8. (4:9) **FF Principle No. 6:** Nehemiah met resistance with _____ and _____.

9. (Chapter 3) **FF Principle No.7:** Addressing an unacceptable kingdom-of-God-issue is most effectively done through _____ work.

10. (4:10-14) **FF Principle No. 8:** Successful “wall building” for God requires mid-course _____/corrections.

11. (4:14,15) **FF Principle No. 9:** Significant kingdom initiatives require leaders to refocus the mission by;
A. _____ people “it’s about God”; B. leading in the praise of God; and C. calling God’s followers to “fight” because the cause is worth it.

Nehemiah 6:15, 16 **“So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.”** (Emphasis supplied)

☛ What is the unacceptable kingdom-of-God-situation He is asking you to step up and out in faith to address?