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**STAND FIRM IN YOUR DECISION TO FOLLOW CHRIST**  
*God's Story*

**Introduction:** *Why is this so hard?*

**Background:** Jer. 25:10-11; Dan. 9:1-2      **Story:** Neh. 1-2, 4, 6

- I. ASSESS THE \_\_\_\_\_..
- A. Nehemiah assessed the situation in Jerusalem. **Neh. 1:1-3; 2:11-15.**
  - B. Assess the situation in your life. **Mt. 7:21-23; Rev. 3:17-18.**
- II. EXPECT \_\_\_\_\_..
- A. Nehemiah experienced constant opposition to his purposes.
    - 1. He battled \_\_\_\_\_ **Neh. 2:18-19; 4:3.**
    - 2. He battled \_\_\_\_\_ **Neh. 4:7-8.**
    - 3. He battled \_\_\_\_\_ **Neh. 4:10-11.**
    - 4. He battled \_\_\_\_\_ prophets. **Neh. 6:10-13.**
    - 5. He battled \_\_\_\_\_ **Neh. 6:1-4.**
  - B. Spiritual forces oppose all who seek to follow Christ. **Eph. 6:10-12; Dan 10:12-13.**
- III. STAND FIRM IN YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST.
- A. Nehemiah stood firm against the opposition.
    - 1. He was driven by \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2. He was a man under \_\_\_\_\_ **Neh. 2:4-7.**
    - 3. He was a man who knew His God, himself, and his enemy. **2:19-20**
    - 4. He found strength in \_\_\_\_\_ **Neh. 4:13-14.**
    - 5. His first strategy was always \_\_\_\_\_ **Neh. 1:4, 2:4, 4:8-9**
  - B. Stand against the opposition by using God's weapons.
    - 1. Know your calling. **Col. 3:23-25.**
    - 2. Get under authority for power over the darkness.
    - 3. Know your God, yourself, and your enemy.
    - 4. Get encouragement through the church. **Heb. 10:24-25.**
    - 5. Pray hard. **Eph. 6:17-18**

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