Down For The Count?

**Reading – Philippians 3:7-14**

***(John 16:33) "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."***

**CURSES & results OF DISCOURAGEMENT. *(Nehemiah 4:10) Then Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.***

***(Genesis 49:9-10) Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? {10} The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.***

Most of the discouragement a Christian finds is not from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the church, but from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Discouragement the Lord's work. ***(Nehemiah 4:1-3) But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. {2} And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish; stones that are burned?" {3} Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall…. (vs.8) and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion.***

Discouragement destroys . ***(Ephesians 4:1-3) I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, {2} with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, {3} endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.***

***(1 Corinthians 1:10) Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.***

Discouragement gives you a . ***Nehemiah 4:6*** - "***The people had a mind (heart) to work…*** “***We are not able to build the wall."***

***(Job 17:9) Yet the righteous will hold to his way, And he who has clean hands will be stronger and stronger.***

***(Galatians 6:9) And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.***

**CURES**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(Nehemiah 4:13) Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.***

***(2 Corinthians 10:4) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,***

***(Ephesians 6:11) Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.***

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(2 Corinthians 13:11) Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.***

***(Philippians 1:27) Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,***

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(Nehemiah 4:14) And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for (not with) your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."***

***(2 Timothy 2:10) Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.***

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. ***(James 2:17) Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.***

***(2 Corinthians 8:10-11) And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; {11} but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have.***

***Nehemiah 4:15) And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work.. (vs.19-20) Then I said to the nobles, the rulers, and the rest of the people, "The work is great and extensive, and we are separated far from one another on the wall. {20} "Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."***

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(Galatians 5:13) For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.***

***(1 Thessalonians 5:11) Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.***

***(1 Peter 3:15) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;***

 **from sinful activities**

(Hebrews 12:1) Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,