



Day 1: Stayed Focused on the Job

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 6:1-4

Devotional:

Nehemiah and the Israelites had been working hard to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. The wall was almost finished, but it wasn't finished yet. Nehemiah's enemies, Sanballat and Geshem, tried to get him to stop working. They sent messages asking Nehemiah to leave, but Nehemiah knew they were trying to distract him from the job God had given him. They didn't ask him just once. They asked him four times! And four times He said no and refused to quit. Sometimes we start something with lots of excitement, but finishing can be hard. We get tired, distracted, or want to do something easier. When things get difficult, it can be tempting to give up. But when God gives us something important to do, we should stay focused like Nehemiah. On God's team, we don't quit just because something gets hard!

Discussion:

1. Why was it important for Nehemiah to stay focused on building the wall?
2. What is something that can distract you from doing what you know you should do?

Prayer:

God, help me stay focused on the things You have given me to do. When I get distracted or want to quit, help me to stay focused. Amen!

Welcome to our *Game Changer* Devo for week 4! Throughout this series, we are learning what it looks like to be on God's team and that two are better than one! This week, we are learning that On God's Team, Players Don't Quit! *Let's get this game started*, we know you will learn so much!

Day 2: Don't Let Fear Make You Quit

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 6:5-9

Devotional:

When distracting Nehemiah didn't work, his enemies tried something different. They spread lies about him and tried to make him afraid. But Nehemiah knew the things they were saying weren't true. Instead of allowing fear to make him quit, Nehemiah turned to God and prayed, "Now strengthen my hands." Sometimes fear can make us want to quit too. Maybe you're afraid you'll make a mistake, someone will laugh at you, or you won't be good enough. We can ask God for strength when we feel afraid. Courage doesn't mean we never feel scared. Courage means we trust God and keep doing what is right even when we are scared. When we're on God's team, fear doesn't have to make us quit. God is with us, and He will give us the strength we need!

Discussion:

1. How did Nehemiah respond when his enemies tried to scare him?
2. What is something you can pray when you feel afraid or want to give up?

Prayer:

God, when I feel afraid or want to give up, strengthen me. Help me remember that You are with me and give me courage to keep going. Amen!

Day 3: Keep Doing What Is Right

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 6:10-14

Devotional:

Nehemiah's enemies still weren't finished trying to stop him. This time, someone tried to convince Nehemiah to hide inside the temple, because people were supposedly coming to hurt him. Nehemiah realized that this was another trick designed to make him afraid. Nehemiah knew that quitting the work or disobeying God because he was afraid was not the right choice. Nehemiah chose to trust God and continue doing what God had called him to do. Sometimes we quit by choosing the easy thing instead of the right thing.

We may stop being kind because someone is mean to us. We may stop telling the truth because lying seems easier. Or we may stop trying because we're afraid we'll fail. Nehemiah reminds us that being on God's team means choosing what is right, even when it is difficult.

Discussion:

1. Why did Nehemiah refuse to hide in the temple?
2. What can help you keep doing the right thing when quitting or taking the easy way seems better?

Prayer:

God, help me choose what is right even when it is difficult. Give me wisdom, courage, and strength to keep following You. Amen!

Day 4: Don't Quit! Finish Strong!

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 6:15-16

Devotional:

Nehemiah and God's people did it! They finished the wall around Jerusalem. It took only 52 days, but those days weren't easy. There were plenty of times when Nehemiah and the Israelites could have quit. Instead, they trusted God and kept working. When the surrounding nations saw the finished wall, they knew that this work had been done with God's help. Sometimes we want to quit because something is taking too long or feels too difficult. When you feel like quitting, remember Nehemiah. Pray for strength, keep doing what is right, and take the next step.

Activity: "Don't Quit Challenge"

Choose a simple challenge that your whole family has to finish together. You could complete a puzzle, build a tall block tower, or do a small project around the house.

There's only one rule: no quitting! If someone gets frustrated, the rest of the family should encourage them by saying, "Keep going! We're on your team!" Once you finish, talk about how encouragement helped everyone keep going. Remind your kids that Nehemiah and the Israelites kept working until the wall was finished, and God helped them every step of the way.

Prayer:

God, thank You for helping me when things are hard. Give me strength when I'm tired, courage when I'm afraid, and determination when I want to quit. Amen!

Memory Verse

"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."

Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIRV

