

DAY 13 | BUILD WITH ONE HAND, HOLD WITH THE OTHER

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**“From that day on, half of my men did the work while the other half held spears, shields, bows, and armor.
Nehemiah 4:14a**

In Nehemiah 4:16, we see the people rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. But they weren't just building. They built with one hand and held a weapon in the other. They understood something we need to understand today: If God is building something, the enemy will try to tear it down.

Jesus said it clearly:

| ***“A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”*** (Jn. 10:10)

The enemy would love to break down our walls — our marriages, families, businesses, and churches. Most of all, he wants to weaken our relationship with the Lord. So what do we do?

We build our faith — and we hold onto the Word.

Like the workers in Jerusalem, we can't afford to do either without the other. Building faith without the Word leaves us vulnerable. Holding the Word without building leads to stagnation. It's both.

We build by **praying**.

We build by **obeying**.

We build by **choosing faithfulness** in the small things.

And we **hold onto the Word** — tightly. It steadies us when pressure rises. It reminds us who we belong to. It guards our hearts and shapes our decisions.

But here's the honest part: To build with one hand and hold the Word in the other, we may have to let go of something.

We can't build if our hands are full of distractions. We can't hold fast to Scripture if we're gripping compromise. We can't strengthen our faith if our attention is divided.

What do we need to release today?

Because building faith and holding onto the Word go hand in hand.