

SERMON REFLECTIONS

Do we need to rebuild our walls?

Nehemiah 4 | 22 February 2026 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Read Nehemiah 4.

- Verses 1-3: Have you ever been insulted / ridiculed / reprimanded / opposed for doing (or planning to do) something good or godly? Share how you responded and whether you continued to do the thing you planned.
- Verses 4-5: Have you prayed such an “angry” prayer before? What are the principles in this prayer that we can use (in our prayers) when we are resisting opposition?

2. These are important areas for many people (including e to g for Christians):

- a) Our health – physical, emotional, mental
- b) Our relationships with our family (spouse, children, parents, siblings) and friends
- c) Our children’s lives – emotional, spiritual, intellectual, physical
- d) Our work / career / business
- e) Our spiritual life
- f) Our Christian ministry (including DG and outside the church)
- g) The communal and spiritual life of our church

How would you rate the health of all these areas in your life? Are there specific area(s) that you feel need to be rebuilt or strengthened?

Share about these area(s) and what do you think you can do to rebuild the walls for them. After sharing, pray for one another. If there are areas

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which need strengthening but too personal to share, do pray, discern and seek to find out what you can do.

3. Nehemiah 4:10-12 tells us that there were two broad internal threats that confronted Nehemiah and the Jews faced for their faithful work of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem – discouragement and debris (sin).

For discouragement, we read of three possible causes that affected Nehemiah and team – fatigue, fear and repetition of bad news.

- Have you been discouraged by any of these causes recently/before? How has that affected you (your mind, emotions and will)?
- What will encourage you?
- Would you be willing to encourage your family, friends and DG-mates regularly and intentionally?

For debris (sin), what do you think are the possible sins entangling Christians in Singapore today? Are any of these possible sins affecting you, too? What can help us break free from the entanglement of sins?

4. The last two principles of Nehemiah 4 are:

- a) Remember the Lord and fight for your family (Nehemiah 4:13–14)
- b) We build and guard together; the walls are everyone’s responsibilities (Nehemiah 4:15–23).

What can we do with regards to the Christian ministry of our church, or the communal and spiritual life of the church which we can build, guard and fight together?

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