



## Don't Stop the Work

### 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide

#### Day 1: Favored for the Work

**Reading: Nehemiah 2:1-20**

**Devotional:** God's favor isn't just for our personal benefit, but to equip us for His work. Nehemiah received favor from the king, not to boast, but to rebuild Jerusalem's walls. Similarly, God blesses us to be a blessing to others. Reflect on the ways God has favored you. How can you use these blessings to serve His purposes? Remember, favor often comes with opposition. Like Nehemiah, we must stay focused on God's calling, even when faced with critics or obstacles. Today, affirm your commitment to the work God has given you, trusting that His favor will sustain you through challenges.

#### Day 2: Overcoming Opposition

**Reading: Nehemiah 4:1-23**

**Devotional:** Opposition to God's work often comes in many forms - mockery, threats, or discouragement. Nehemiah faced ridicule and conspiracy, yet he persevered. His response teaches us valuable lessons: pray fervently, plan wisely, and persist in the work. When facing opposition in your spiritual journey or ministry, resist the temptation to give up. Instead, like Nehemiah, turn to God in prayer, seeking His guidance and protection. Develop strategies to overcome challenges, but always keep working. Remember, the enemy's goal is to halt God's work, but with prayer, planning, and persistence, we can overcome.



### **Day 3: Discerning God's Voice**

**Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

**Devotional:** In a world full of voices competing for our attention, discerning God's voice is crucial. Nehemiah's ability to recognize ungodly counsel, even when it seemed beneficial, saved him from sin and kept the work progressing. Like Elijah in today's reading, we must learn to recognize God's voice - often in the gentle whisper rather than the loud and obvious. Spend time in silence today, asking God to sharpen your spiritual discernment. Reflect on decisions you're facing - are you hearing God's voice or being swayed by other influences? Commit to staying so close to God that you can instantly recognize His guidance.

### **Day 4: Perseverance in the Face of Setbacks**

**Reading: James 1:2-12**

**Devotional:** The path of faith is rarely smooth. Nehemiah encountered numerous setbacks, yet he refused to abandon the work. James encourages us to view trials as opportunities for growth. When you face obstacles in your spiritual life or ministry, how do you respond? Do you give up or press on? Remember, perseverance produces maturity and completeness in faith. Today, identify an area where you've been tempted to give up. Ask God for the strength to persevere, knowing that He is working out His purposes through your challenges.

### **Day 5: The Unstoppable Work of God**

**Reading: Matthew 16:13-20**

**Devotional:** Despite all attempts to hinder it, God's work cannot be stopped. Nehemiah completed the wall in 52 days, demonstrating God's power working through committed individuals. Jesus declared that even the gates of Hades cannot overcome His church. This truth should fill us with confidence and hope. No matter what opposition we face, God's purposes will prevail. Reflect on areas where you've felt discouraged or defeated. How does the assurance of God's unstoppable work change your perspective? Commit these areas to God, trusting in His power to accomplish His will through you. Remember, you are part of something greater than yourself - the eternal, unstoppable work of God's kingdom.