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Nehemiah 4:1-15

Nehemiah 4:1-3

When Sanballat heard that we were **rebuilding** the wall, he became **angry** and was **greatly incensed**. He ridiculed the Jews,

Nehemiah 4:2-3

and in the presence of his associates
and the army of Samaria, he said,
“What are those **feeble Jews** doing?
Will they restore their wall?

Nehemiah 4:2-3

Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the **stones back to life** from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?”

Nehemiah 4:3

Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—if even a fox climbed up on it, he would **break down their wall** of stones!”

1. Re-envision **prayer** as part
of my **strategy**.

Nehemiah 4:4-5

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Hear us, our God, for we are despised.

Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity.

Nehemiah 4:5

Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.

2. **Rededication** to Jesus and each other.

Nehemiah 4:6

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So we **rebuilt** the wall till all of it reached **half its height**, for the people **worked with all their heart.**

3. **Responsibly** proceed.

Nehemiah 4:7-9

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But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the **repairs** to Jerusalem's walls had **gone ahead** and that the gaps were **being closed**, they were very angry.

Nehemiah 4:8-9

They all **plotted** together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. ⁹ But we **prayed** to our God and **posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.**

4. **Remove** the rubble.

Nehemiah 4:10-12

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Meanwhile, the people **in** Judah said,
“The strength of the laborers is giving
out, and **there is so much rubble that
we cannot rebuild the wall.”**

Nehemiah 4:11-12

Also our **enemies** said, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an **end to the work.**”

Nehemiah 4:12

Then the **Jews who lived near** them
came and told us ten times over,
“Wherever you turn, they will
attack us.”

5. **Reorganize** strategically.

Nehemiah 4:13

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Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the **lowest points** of the wall at the **exposed places**, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows.

6. **Remember**, our God is
awesome.

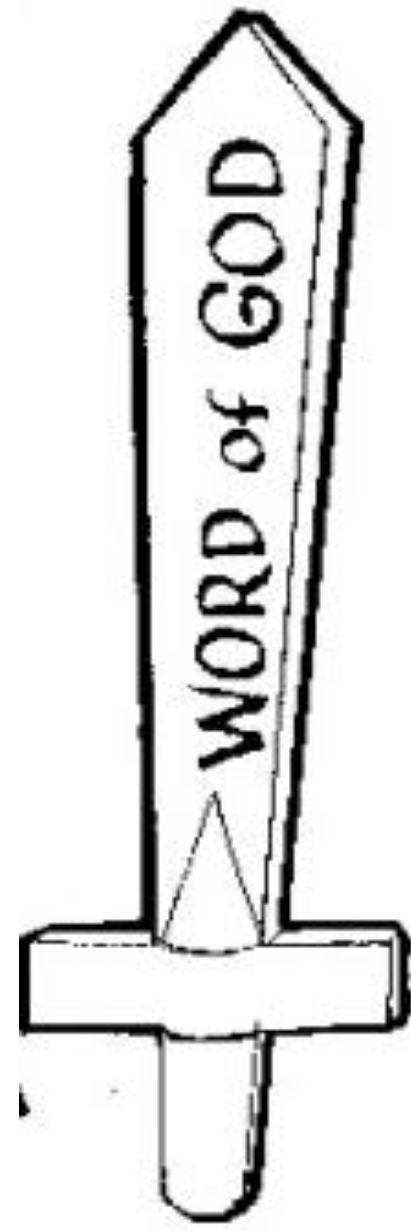
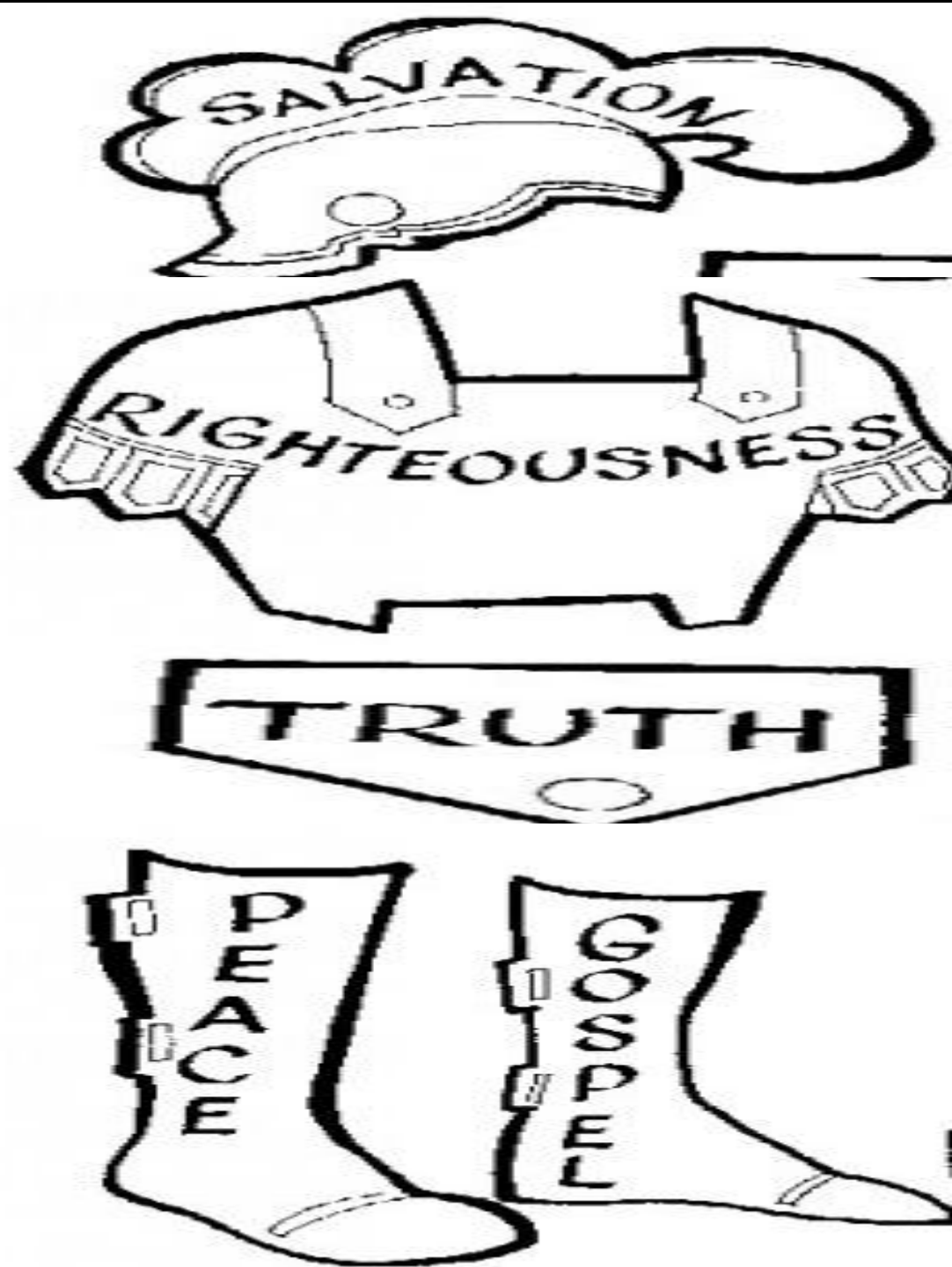
Nehemiah 4:14-15

Nehemiah 4:14a-15

After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them.

Nehemiah 4:14b-15

Remember the **Lord**, who **is great and awesome**, and **fight** for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”



Nehemiah 4:15

When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that **God** had frustrated it, we **all returned** to the wall, **each to his own work.**

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