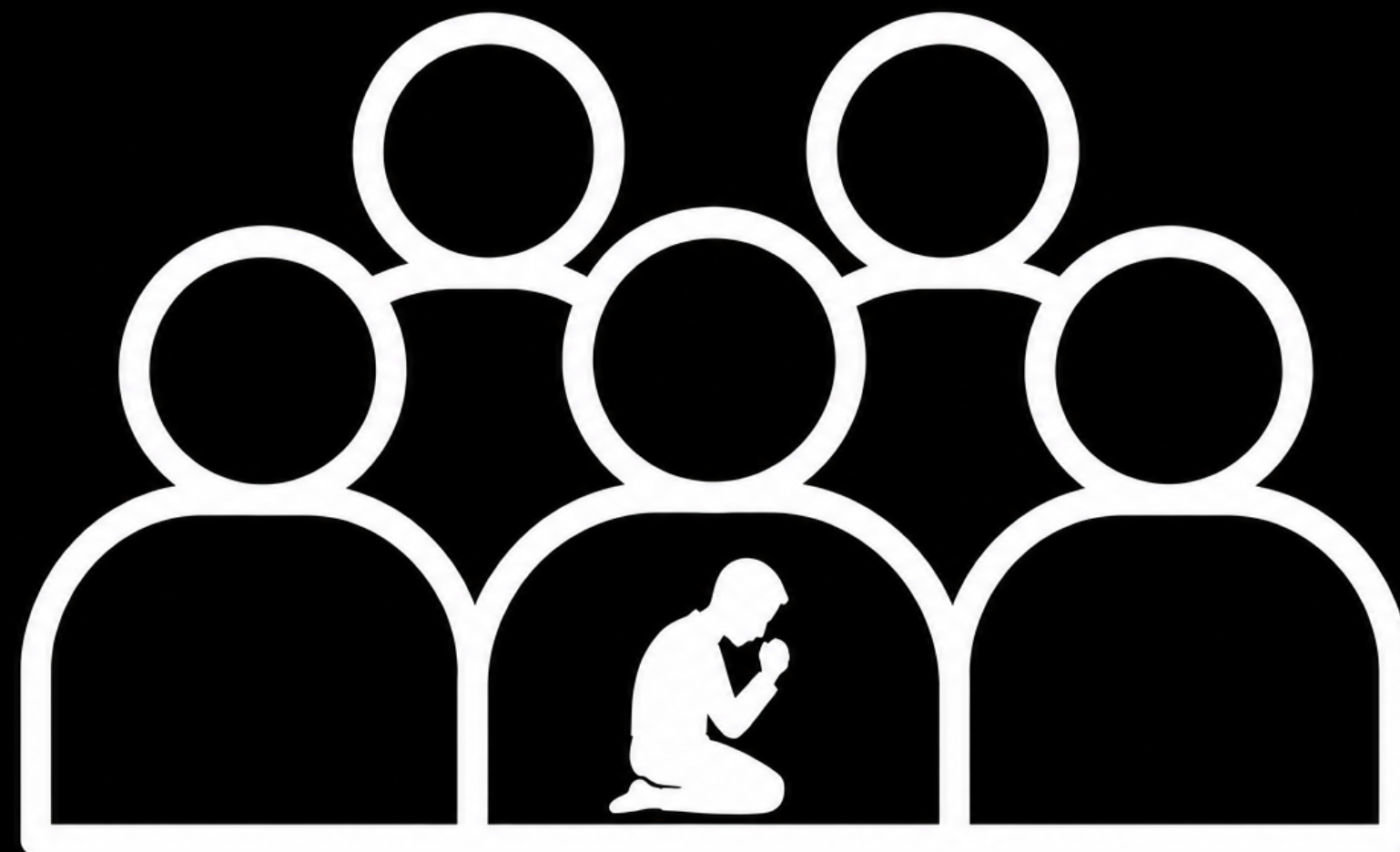


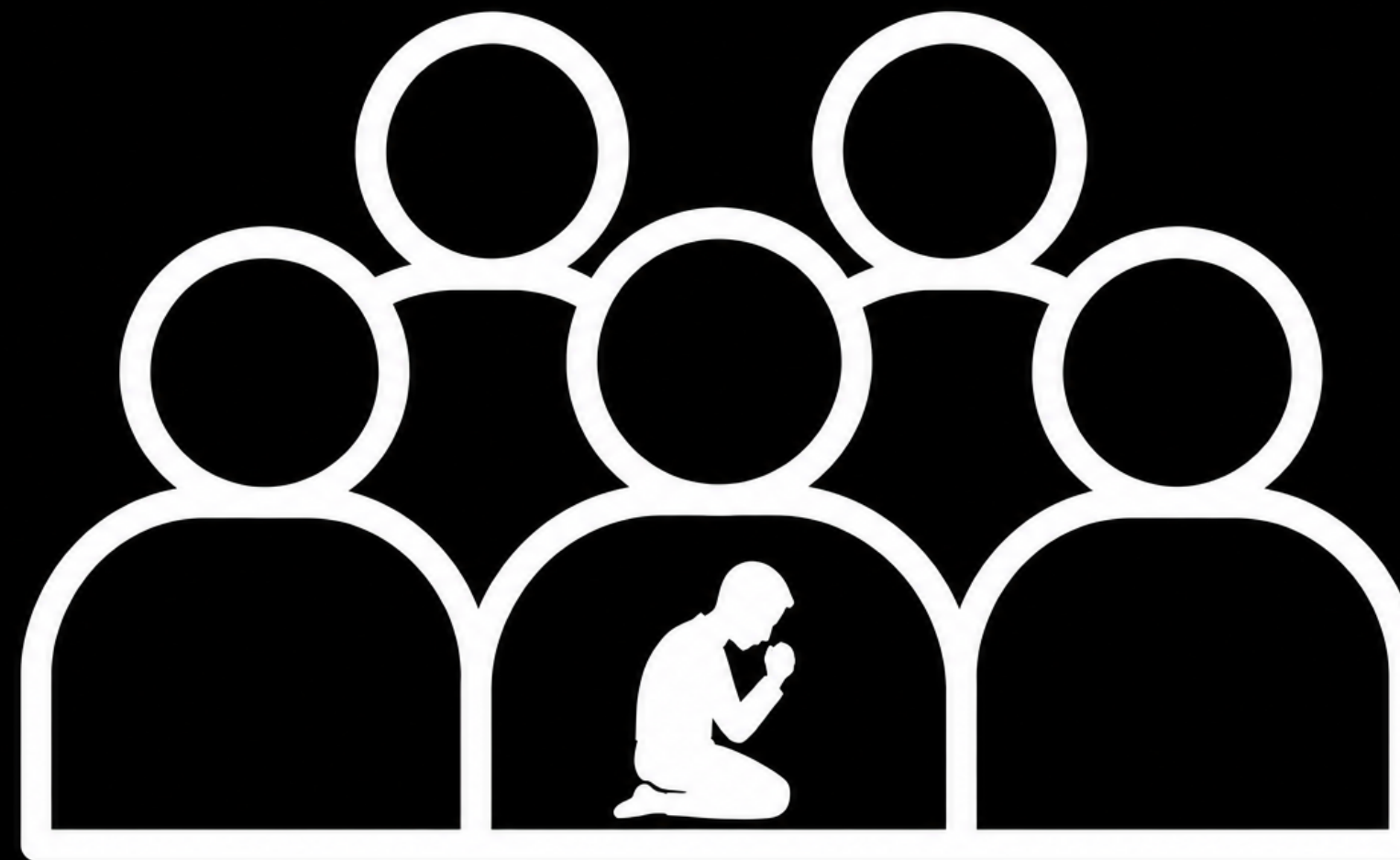
Let Us Arise and Build

Nehemiah 4
Do Not Be Afraid



Prayer Focus Work Togetherness

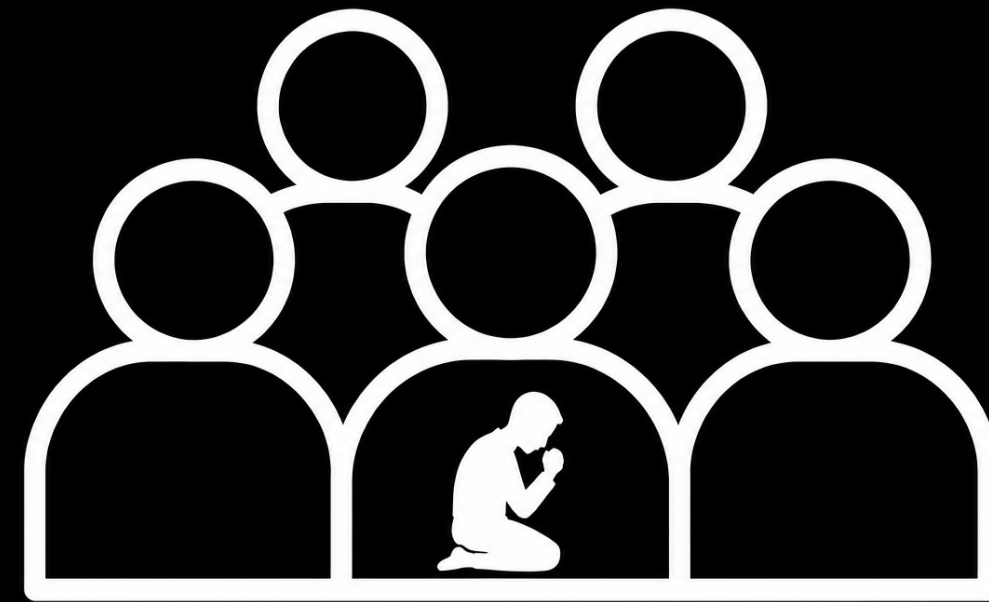
The Big Truth:
Kingdom citizens work
and fight opposition with God.



Nehemiah 4:1 Now it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and **mocked** the Jews. 2 He spoke in the presence of his brothers and the wealthy men of Samaria and said, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the dusty rubble even the burned ones?” 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was near him and he said, “Even what they are building—if a fox should jump on it, he would break their stone wall down!”

1. Opposition and Mockery

Nehemiah 4:4 Hear, O our God, how we are despised! Return their reproach on their own heads and give them up for plunder in a land of captivity. 5 Do not forgive their iniquity and let not their sin be blotted out before You, for they have demoralized the builders. 6 So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.



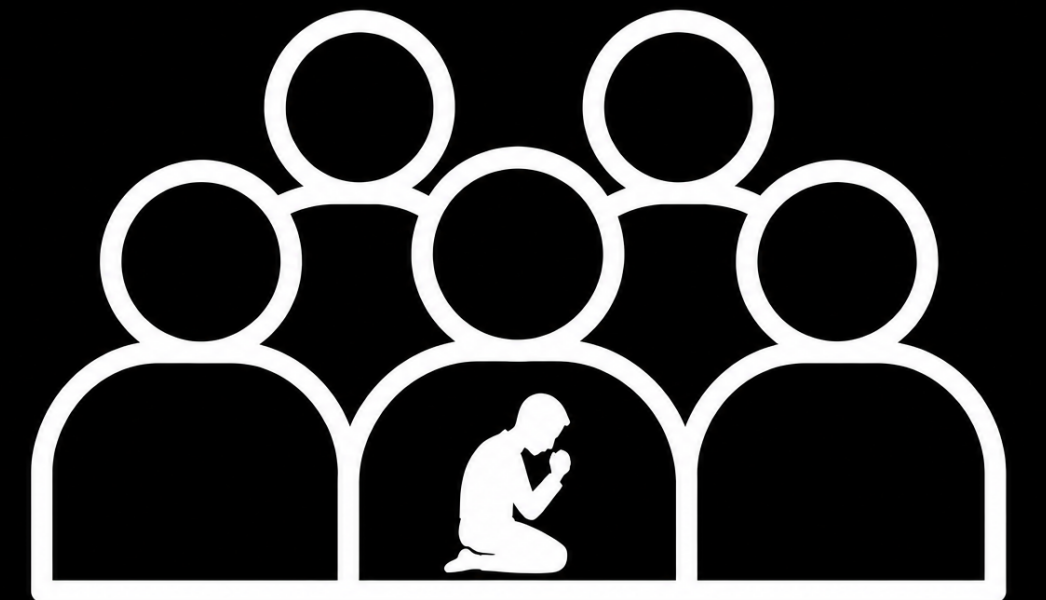
1. Opposition and Mockery (1-3) God's People Pray (4-6)

Nehemiah 4:7 Now when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repair of the walls of Jerusalem went on, and that the breaches began to be closed, they were very angry. 8 All of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it.

2. Conspiracy and Disturbance v. 7-8

Nehemiah 4:9 But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set up a guard against them day and night.

- 2. Conspiracy and Disturbance v. 7-8
 - a. Prayer and Watchfulness v. 9



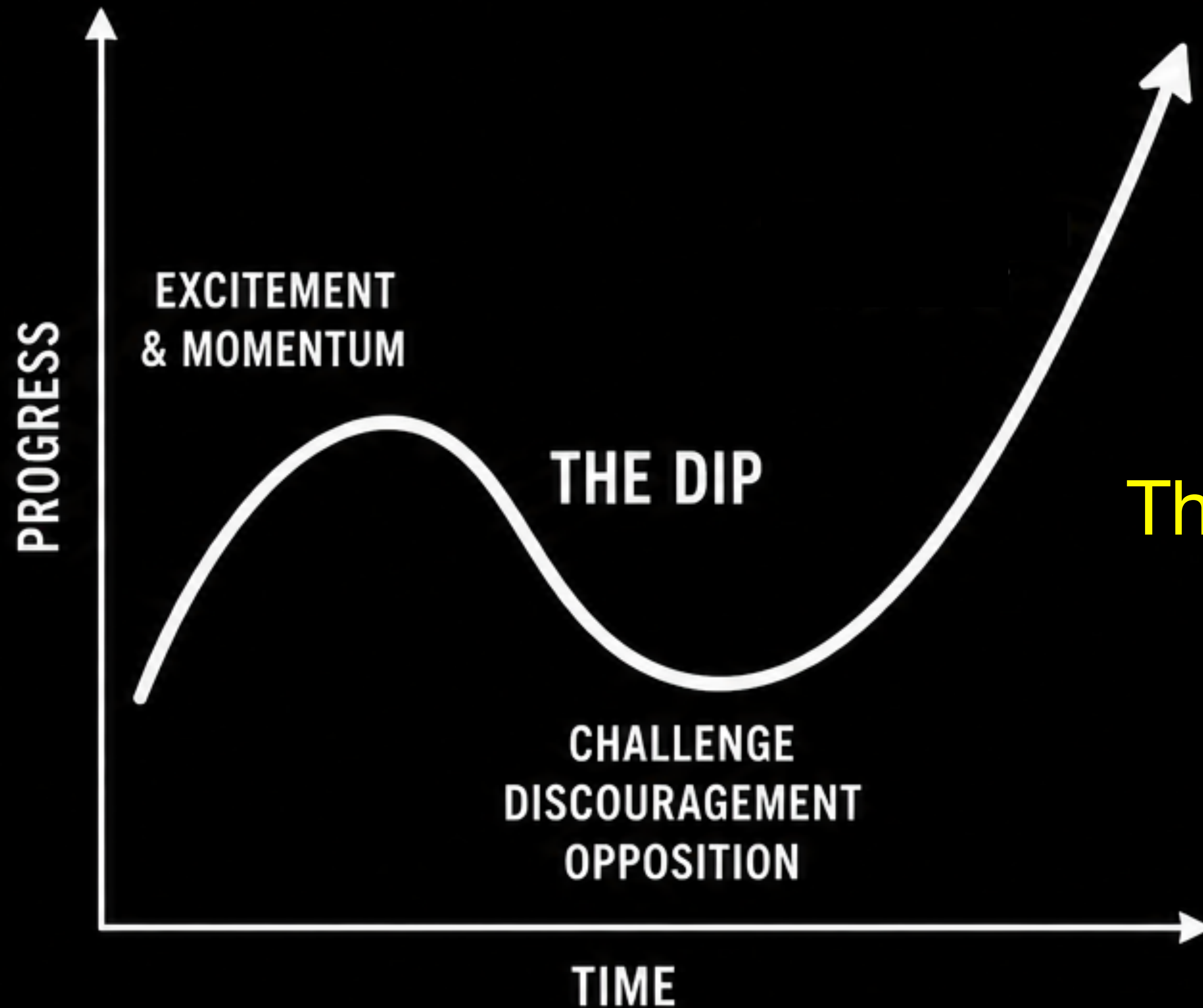
Nehemiah 4:10 Thus in Judah it was said, “The strength of the burden bearers is failing, Yet there is much rubbish; And we ourselves are unable to rebuild the wall.” 11 Our enemies said, “They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them and put a stop to the work.” 12 When the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times, “They will come up against us from every place where you may turn,”

2. Conspiracy and Disturbance v. 7-8

b. Doubt v. 10

c. Discouragement v. 11

d. Intimidation v. 12



The dip is not failing.
The dip is where persevering
becomes necessary.

Nehemiah 4:13 then I stationed men in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the exposed places, and I stationed the people in families with their swords, spears and bows. 14 When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people: “Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses.”

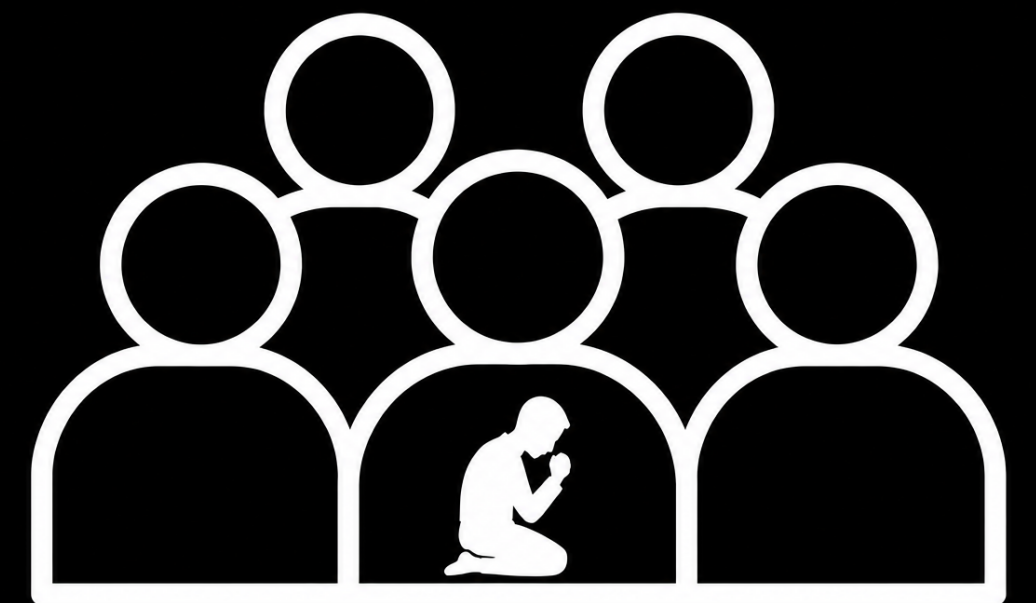
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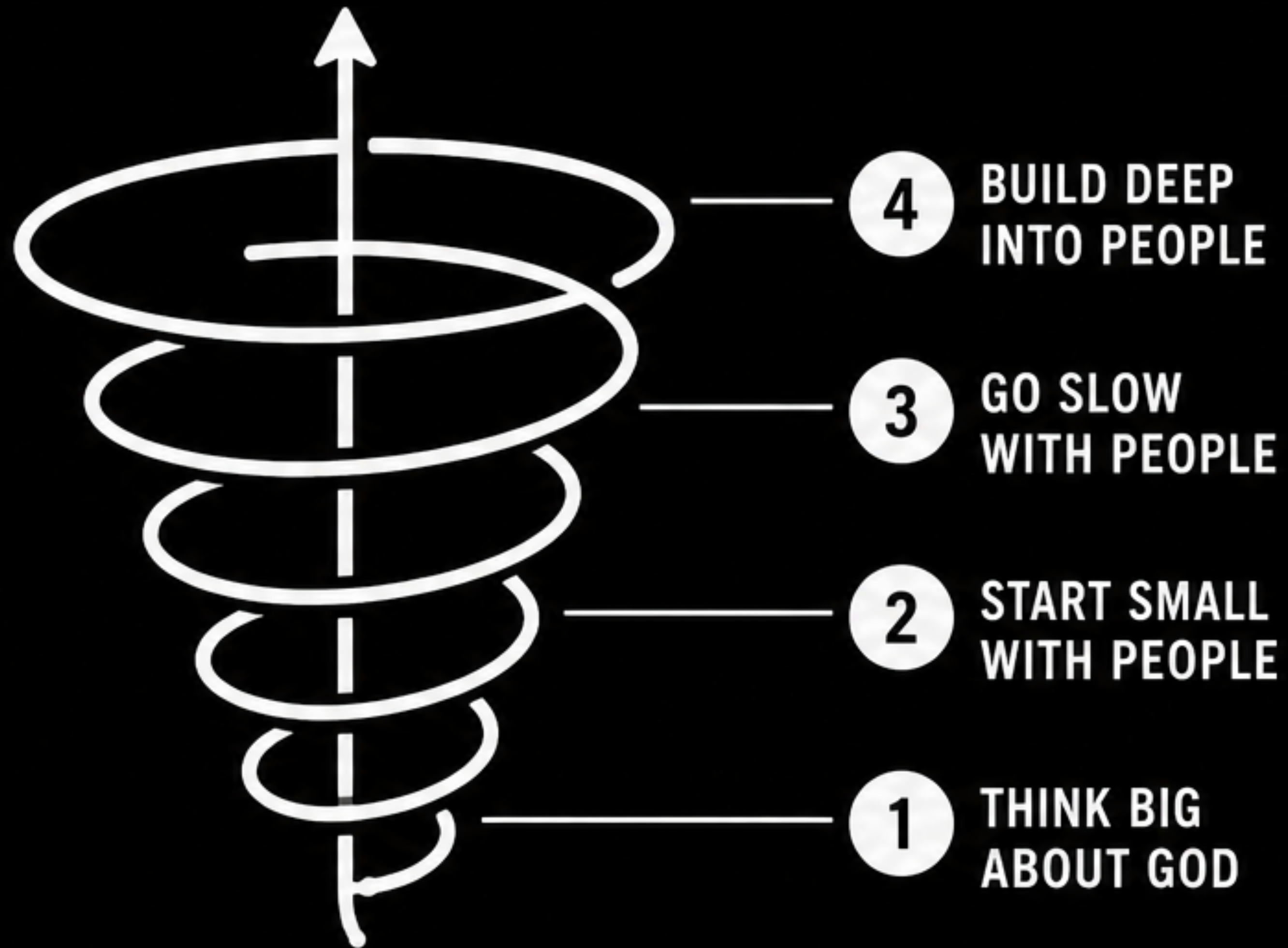
e. Position Them v. 13

f. Pep Them Up v. 14a

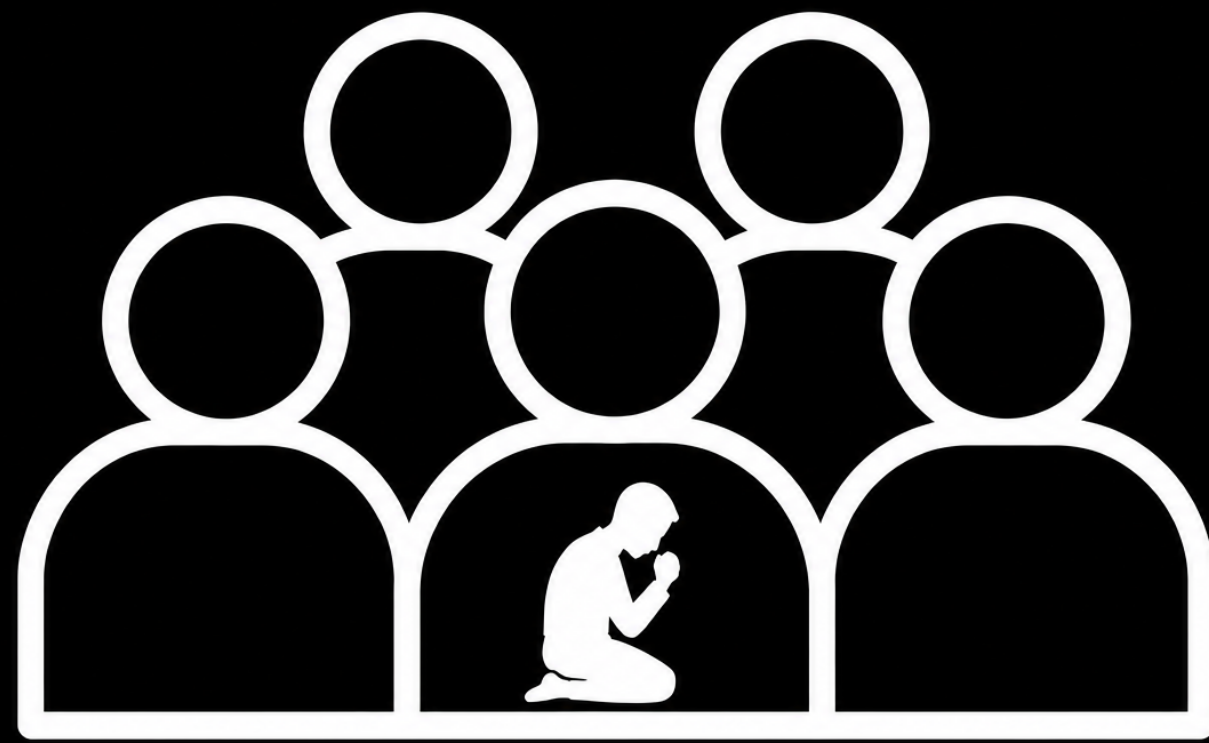
g. Point Them to God v. 14b

h. Propose Courageous Action v. 14c





Nehemiah uses praise
to heal perspective.
The key is
to remember The Lord.

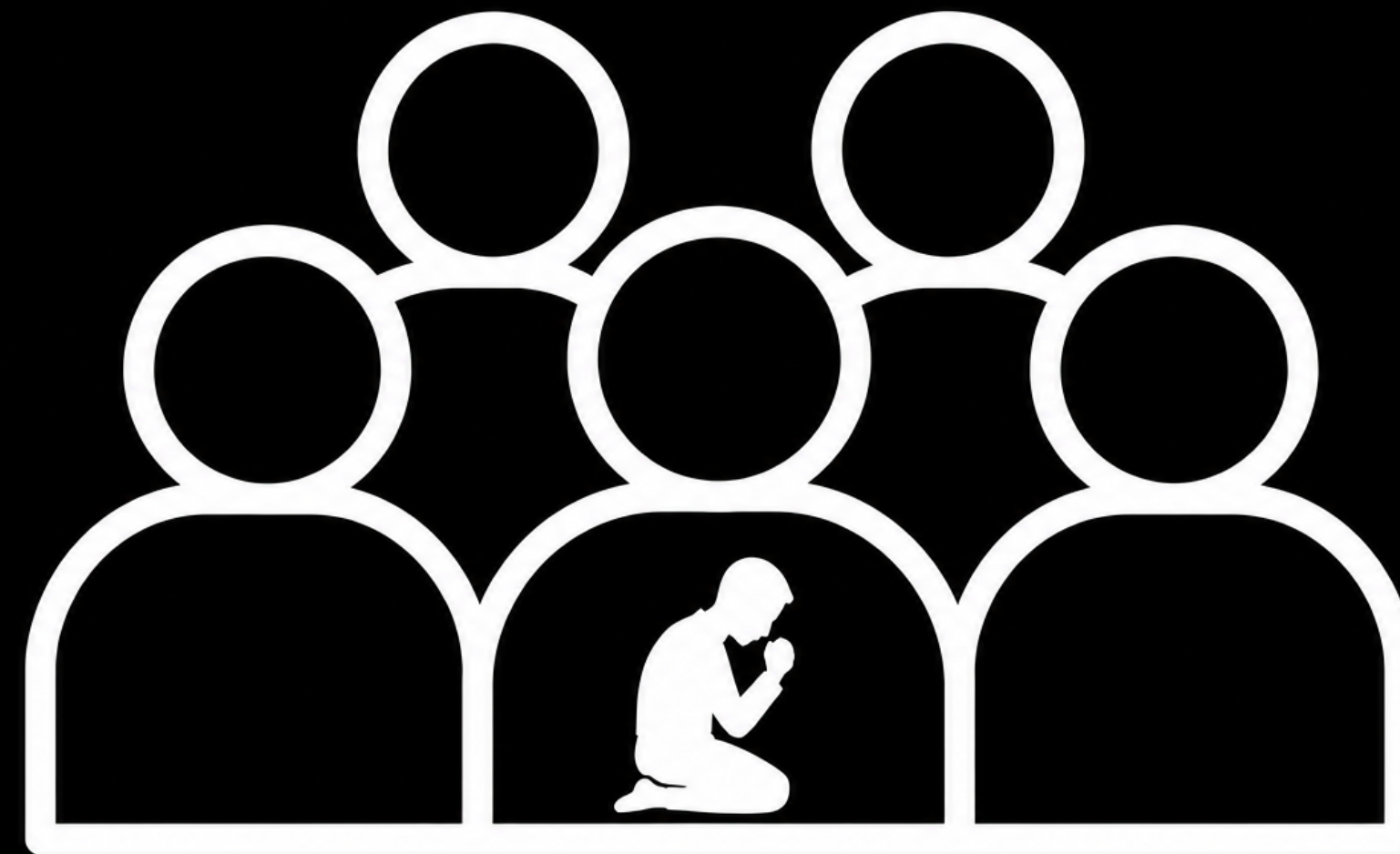


We don't just work and fight for ourselves.
We work and fight so the faith can be
faithfully passed to the next generation.

Nehemiah 4:15 When our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had frustrated their plan, then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his **work**. 16 From that day on, half of my **servants** carried on the work while half of them held the spears, the shields, the bows and the breastplates; and the captains were behind the whole house of Judah. 17 Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens took their load with one hand doing the work and the other holding a weapon. 18 As for the builders, each wore his sword girded at his side as he built, while the trumpeter stood near me.

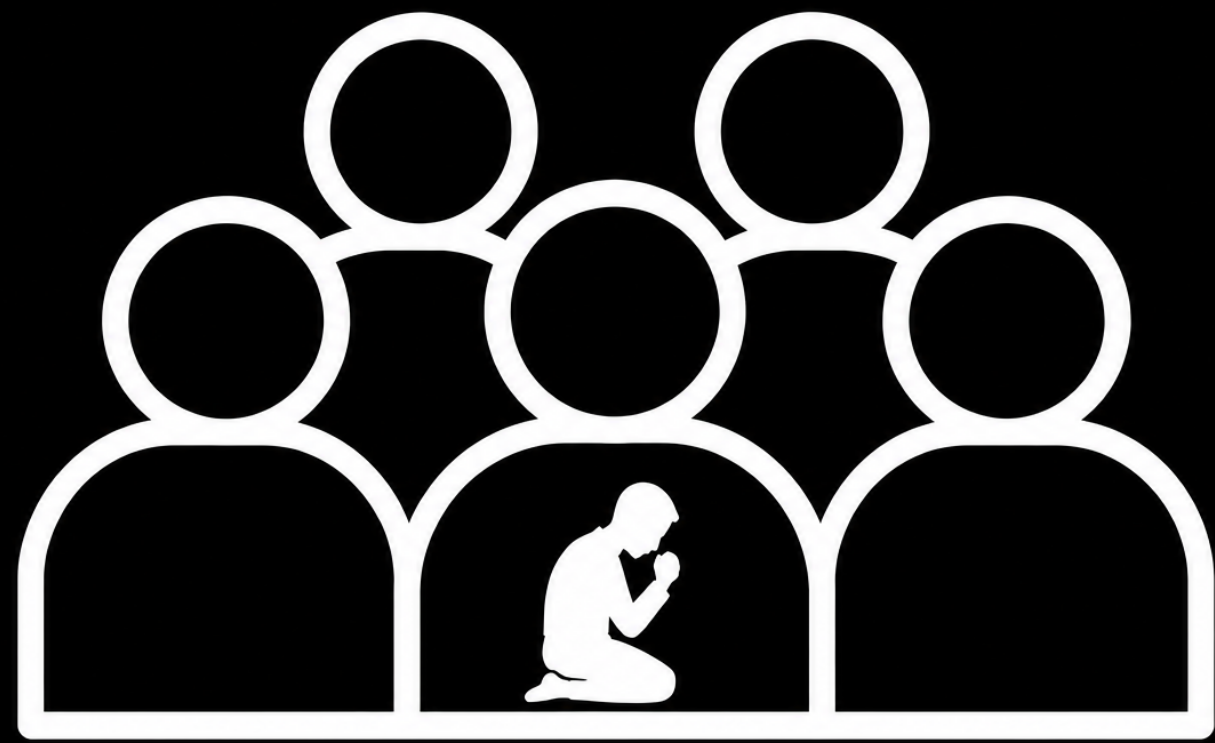
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3. Service and Work on His wings and in His warfare (15-23)
a. The servants carried on the work. v. 15-18

Nehemiah 4:19 I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall far from one another. 20 At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”



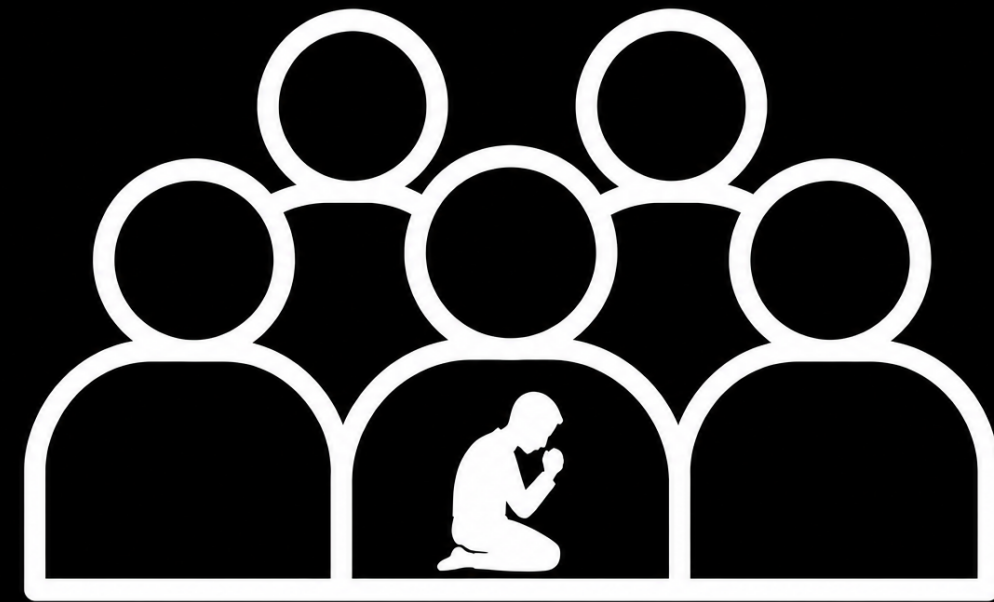
- 3. Service and Work on His wings and in His warfare (15-23)
 - b. The servants rallied around God who will fight for them.

v. 19-20



Faith in God's sovereignty
does not diminish our responsibility.
Faith in God's sovereignty
strengthens our perseverance.

Nehemiah 4:21 So we carried on the **work** with half of them holding spears from dawn until the stars appeared. 22 At that time I also said to the people, “Let each man with his servant spend the night within Jerusalem so that they may be a guard for us by night and a laborer by day.” 23 So neither I, my brothers, my **servants**, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us removed our clothes, each took his weapon even to the water.



3. Service and Work on His wings and in His warfare (15-23)
c. The servants continued working and watching. v. 21-23

Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the **Scriptures we might have hope**. 5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, 6 so that with one accord you may with one voice **glorify** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. Nehemiah (and other Scripture) offers hope. v. 4
- B. God offers perseverance and encouragement. v. 4
- C. The church body works toward unity. v. 5-6
- D. The church body worships together. v. 6

GOD'S KINGDOM WORK

FOLLOWING CHRIST

MATURING TOGETHER

MULTIPLYING GENERATIONS

LOVE / KNOW

SPEAK (THE TRUTH)

DO

THINK BIG

START SMALL

GO SLOW

BUILD DEEP

PRAYER

BY HIS GRACE

DONE IN LOVE

FOR HIS GLORY

GOD'S WORD

When I ask: When opposition comes, whom do we remember?
You respond: **The Lord who is great and awesome.**

When I ask: When opposition comes, what do we do?
You respond: **We pray, we watch, and we work.**

When I ask: Who will fight for us?
You respond: **Our God will fight for us.**

When I ask: How do we continue working?
You respond: **Let us arise and build.**

Here is what we can do together as fellow workers:

This week, PRAY

“Lord, keep us focused on You, Your work
and Your strength when opposition comes.”

